

The DOCTRINE OF SIN

Lesson 16 – The Sanctifying Shepherd Part 2

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Part One: Sanctifying Shepherds guard their flocks. Protection from the evil one comes only from spiritual weapons, the Word of God, Prayer and God the Holy Spirit:

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

(John 17:15-19 ESV)

Part Two: Sanctification in truth, means that truth is knowable and applicable, but not for everybody.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work."

(2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV)

The Bible was written for _____.

All scripture which is inspired by God is profitable for the man of God to equip the man of God for every good work. The whole Bible is designed for the _____ of the _____.

_____ the Word. Keep the Word coming so that they are moving toward Christ-likeness through their continued _____ to the truth.

You _____ teach the Bible to non-believers. They will reject it. In its effort to make the unbelievers content with the church, it _____ what the people of God need in a time when the sewage out of the world is drowning the people of God, and they get no help from their shepherds.

One thing that you learn from preaching the gospel, is that the people never, never, never responded to Christ until they were _____.

The _____ of evangelism comes from holy _____ lived out in the world and the proclamation of the glorious reason for that transformation, the gospel of Jesus Christ coming out of the lips of _____ lives.

Non-Christians by nature by disposition are _____ to divine truth.

All _____ to scripture-truth is from the core of the _____ of man and his link to _____.

Feed the flock of God the Word of God which they alone can receive, which they alone can believe, by which they alone can be _____ as they gain the _____ over remaining sin and rebellion and resistance to the Word of God.

The sanctifying shepherd gives his life to strengthen and to _____ his beloved flock from the world, the flesh, and the devil.

The goal of all of this in ministry is the _____ - _____ of the flock.

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"Holiness without Legalism"

Discussion:

1. Eternal Liver's (Christian) sanctification comes through the Word of God. The church is the agency of discipline in our lives now, here on earth.

Matt. 18:15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

What observations can we make from this passage that are critical to our Eternal Living?

2. From an Eternal Living perspective how does our sanctification relate to our commission?

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

John 20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

God the Father sent Jesus to seek and to save the lost, Jesus sends us just as the Father sent Him. Our commissioning includes proclamation, exhortation and protection.

Read: Eph 4:9-16, Eph 6:10-20 How does help focus our energy for Eternal Living?