

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Sermon Outline

1. He prayed that God would set His redeemed people apart to Himself in the Truth, Jn. 17:17 "sanctify"

Phases of Sanctification

- a. Positional, Jude 1:1; 2 Thess. 2:13
 - b. Progressive, our part in growing, Eph. 5:1; Rom. 13:14
 - c. Ultimate, God will Perfect us one day, Eph. 5:26-27
2. God's instrument for our Growing is His Word, Jn. 17:17b
 3. Peter tells new believers to desire God's Word, 1 Pet. 2:2

III. GOD DESIGNED HIS WORD AS HIS GROWTH INSTRUMENT FOR HIS PEOPLE

- A. The Lord Told His Disciples To Teach His Word To Those He Saves From The Gentiles, Mt. 28:20
- B. God Told His Preachers To Preach And Teach His Word, To His People, 2 Tim. 2:15; 4:2-4
- C. Believers Are To Love God And His Word,
 1. God has told us to love Him with our full being, Mk. 12:30
 2. Love of God's Word will help us cultivate a love for Him, Psa. 119:9, 11, 18, 97, 105
--(longest 176)

3. We should seize every opportunity to grow by God's Word. (behavior)
--S. S., Morning Service, Sunday Evenings, Wednesday Evening, Etc.

IV. STAYING IN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD PLEASES HIM, 1 Thess. 4:1; Jn. 15:9, 10

- Sin always breaks fellowship with God.
- A. Genuine Believers Do Sin, 1 Jn. 1:8
--We see it in the N. T. in many forms,
--God wants us to strive not to sin, 1 Jn. 2:1
 - B. Genuine Believers Repent Of Their Sins Before God, 1 Jn. 1:9
--They will experience the guilt and sorrow for their sin.
 - C. Genuine Believers Must Always Remember They Are In A Race Of Life, Heb. 12:1,2
 - D. Genuine Believers Must Always Remember That God Is Always Ready To Help Them In The Battle With Sin.
 1. He warns them to be on the alert for the devil, 1 Pet. 5:8
 2. He reminds them of His help in temptations, 1 Cor. 10:13 "way of escape"
 3. He reminds them to use tools He provides in the battle with sin, Rom. 6:11-13
--Resolute Will.