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PART 7:

A WORKOUT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Reading: Philippians 1:6 & 2:12 - 13

Introduction

- No one can be saved without the work and intervention of God the Holy Spirit.
- He quickens us and makes us spiritually alive and then we are able to believe.
- His quickening work is called '*regeneration*'.
- After salvation and justification the Holy Spirit has yet another work to perform.
- It is the work of our '*sanctification*'.

1 What Do We Mean By Sanctification?

- From 2 Latin words '*sanctus*' and '*facere*' = '*to make holy*'.
- If there is no ongoing sanctification it means there has been no salvation/justification.
- Consider [1 Peter 1:15 -16] and [Hebrews 12:14].

2 The Partnership In Sanctification

- The work of quickening us, the Spirit does alone.
- The work of sanctification, He works in partnership with us.

- Consider [Philippians 2:13] and [Romans 8:13].
- Sanctification is achieved by us working in co-operation with the indwelling Holy Spirit.

3 The Duration Of Our Sanctification

- Quickening, being declared '*just*' and sealed by Holy Spirit occur in a moment.
- Our sanctification begins at conversion and only concludes at Christ's coming. [Philippians 1:6].
- We are a work in progress.

4 The Struggle Of Our Sanctification

- It's a tug of war between our old nature and our new nature.

5 The Progress Of Our Sanctification

- There needs to be ongoing progress.
- If our sanctification was put on a graph it ought to show an overall upward line.
- What would your sanctification graph for the last week, month, year look like?

6 The Ultimate Goal Of Our Sanctification

- We were made in God's image to reveal something of His likeness. [Genesis 1:26]
- At the '*Fall*' the image of God in us was corrupted.
- Sanctification is the recovery of God's image in us.
- Sanctification is the believer's '*Holy War*'.
- But we work in partnership with the Holy Spirit to achieve it. [Philippians 2:12-13].

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