



## ***Formed By God / Sanctification***

***Dec. 18th***

**Text: Matthew 1:18-25**

**Matthew 1:21**, *"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*

**Romans 3:23** *...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

**1 John 1:10** *If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

**1 John 2:1** *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*

"Sanctification is that inward spiritual work which the Lord Jesus Christ works in a man by the Holy Spirit, when He calls him to be a true believer." **J.C. Ryle**

Sanctification is being "separated to God." Sanctification is...

- the power of God that **liberates** us from the grip of sin
- the power of God that **separates** you from the corruption of this world
- the power of the Holy Spirit that sets you **apart** for a special purpose
- the invisible **work** of God transforming ordinary people into the sort of persons who live extraordinary lives by God's power

**1 Thess. 4:3** *For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. 7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.*

**Two things:**

- 1). Jesus' work for holiness in your life is not just about avoiding **sins**.
- 2). Jesus' work for holiness in your life is about **growing** you toward Him... continually. Creating Kingdom successes/joy/abundance in your life.

**Galatians 5:22** *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:23**, *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

