



“Sanctification”

From Sinner to Saint
II Corinthians 13:1-8

A transformation through:

I. Expectation – “Since you seek a proof...in me” (vs. 1-4)

An expected:

- A. Discipline** - “If I come again, I will not spare”
- B. Demeanor** – “For we also are weak in Him”
- C. Dependence** – “we shall live with Him by the power of God”

II. Examination - “Examine...whether ye be in the faith” (vs.5-6)

An examination that:

- A. Probes** - “Examine yourselves”
- B. Proves** – “prove your own selves”
- C. Perceives** – “Know ye not your own selves”

III. Excellence – “we can do...for the truth” (vs. 7-8)

An excellence that:

- A. Abstains** - “that ye do no evil ”
- B. Appears** – “we should appear approved”
- C. Adheres** - “we can do nothing against the truth”

Sentence Sermon

Sanctification is “an intense narrowing of all our interests on earth and an immense broadening of all our interests in God.”

Oswald Chambers

Additional Verses

- *Philippians 1:6*
- *II Timothy 2:21*
- *John 3:30*
- *I Thessalonians 4:1-6*
- *II Corinthians 12:20-21*
- *Matthew 18:15-20*
- *Deuteronomy 19:15*
- *Galatians 2:20; 6:1-5*
- *Ephesians 1:19-21*
- *Philippians 3:19*
- *John 8:3-7*
- *Romans 8:29-30*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why is it so important to have two or three witnesses?
4. Who are the individuals that Paul will not spare in verse 2?
5. What would Paul say is a measurement of the power of a ministry?
6. What are some more parallels between us and Jesus besides verse 4?
7. How do we know if we are “in the faith?” How would others know?
8. How did Paul “pass the test” mentioned in verse 6?
9. What is truth? Can anyone hinder the truth? How would you explain v. 8?
10. How would you define a believer’s sanctification?
11. Can a believer’s sanctification be stopped, stymied, or hurried? Explain.