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GOD'S NAME IN THE LAST DAYS

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"HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU PURCHASED VALUABLE SILVERWARE, TO BE USED SPECIFICALLY FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS, AND FOUND THAT SOMEONE HAD USED ONE OF THE KNIVES AS A SCREWDRIVER?"

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30).

As Jesus entered upon the last days of His life, He prayed an interesting prayer concerning His disciples. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the

truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:16-21).

With Jesus, sanctification is an important element of the Christian life. What is sanctification? To be sanctified is to be set aside for a holy use. How would you feel if you purchased valuable silverware, to be used specifically for special occasions, and found that someone had used one of the knives as a screwdriver? This precious silverware was never intended to be used as a tool. Did you know that God set us aside or apart for holy use? We were created with purpose.

Equally as important in the mind of Christ is truth. In His prayer, He said, sanctify them by thy truth. What is truth? The Bible gives three essential definitions for truth. The first definition is in the prayer of Jesus. He says thy word is truth. This means that everything that God reveals in His Word is truth. The next definition God gives for truth is Jesus Himself (John 14:6). Third, truth is defined in Psalm 119:151 as God's holy law. We are to be sanctified, that is, set aside as holy through God's truth. The only way to grow in understanding what it means to be set aside as holy is to study the truth daily as revealed in the Bible by the Holy Spirit.

It is noteworthy to mention that we have seen in these few words that Jesus is our sanctification, as well as truth, in the last days. We are prone to forget what truth is. We are prone to forget what it means to be set aside for a holy purpose. In God's name, we find the remedy for spiritual amnesia.

In our next article we will briefly detail the importance of these two names that God has revealed to us. In the last days, if God sees us as special—and the only way to live up to this standard is through the truth—it is worth searching the Scriptures to better understand the standard. Please read the next article; you will be happy that you did. Until then, remember that God loves you.

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