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SANCTIFIED AND MEET FOR THE MASTERS USE 2 Tim.2,21.

Referring to the things a person should be cleansed of,Paul states If a man purge himself from these,he shall be a vessel unto honor,sanctified and meet for the masters use.-Consecretad to the Gods use.The state or quality of being holy.Set apart for a certain purpose.

I have heard some claim that the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost mentioned in Mt.3,10-11 cleanses a person from sin,and makes him sinless and perfect,and sanctified.

But in studying the scriptures I find that in Genesis 2,3 that God rested the seventh day and sanctified it;because in it He rested from all His labours in creating the world and all other things. Also in Deut.5; 12 God commanded the children of Israel to "Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it". As the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. Then we read from De.8,10 And Moses took the anointing oil,and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein,and sanctified them.Verse 11 And He sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times,and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot,to sanctify them.V 15 sanctify the altar. Then in verse 22 of the 19th chapter,certain things todo to sanctify the priests.V 23 Sanctify the mountain where they they received the ten commandments-the first Covenant.Chapter 27,14-19 Fields sanctified for certain purposes.Ex.28,41--V40 Thou shalt put the clothing andornaments on Aaron thy brother,and his sons with him;and shalt anoint them and consecrate them,amd sanctify them,that they may minister unto me in the priest office.

Deu.32,51--Num.20,12 And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron,because ye believed me not,to sanctify me in the eyes of the people-the children of Israel,therefore ye shall not bring this people into the land which I have given them.

We see that God can be sanctified in the eyes of the children of Israel,also that fields,clothing for the priests,also the priests and the tabernacle and the vessels of the sanctuary.can be sanctified,for use in God's service.

We also learn from Jn.17,19 That Christ sanctified Himself,in order t that the disciples might be sanctified through the truth,as He prayed to the Fatherverse 17 "Sanctify them through thy truth,thy word is truth". Jn 15,9 Jesus speaking to His disciples."Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken to you.

We are cleansed and sanctified by obedience to His words as we read from 1 Pe.1-22 Seeing you have purified yourselves in obeying the truth through the Spirit,unto unfeigned love of the brethren,see that ye love oneanother with a pure heart fervently:being born again,not of corruptible seed,but of incorruptible,by the word of God which liveth and abidet. forever.-- Christ said "Now ye are clean through the word I have spoken u unto you"--He prayed the Father to sanctify them through thy truth,Thy word is truth--Peter said they had purified their souls in obeying the truth;and had been born of the word of God,by obedience to His word.And Rom.6,6,17 tells us that they were made free from sin by obeying that form of doctrine.That form of doctrine is outlined in versese 3-5 in the same chapter-They went through the likeness of the death,burial and resurrection of Christ,beginning with v 3 Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?-4 Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death:that like as Christ was rais from the dead by the glory of the Father,even so we also should walk in newness of life,.--They went through that form of doctrine believeing and confessing Jesus to be the Christ the Son of God Ac 8,37 And repenting of their sins ,as Peter told the ones who had crucified Christ ac,2 38 Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.--Verse 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized,and there were added to them about three thousand souls. And verse 47 The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Baptized into Christ,Baptized into His death,baptized for the remission of their sins,saved,sanctified,Cleansed through the word spoken to them, and obedience to that word-Justified by His blood.

Now let us take a look at Eph.5,25 Husbands love your wives,even as Christ also loved the church,and gave Himself for it: that he might SANC* TIFY and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,That He might present it to Himself a glorious church,not having spot nor wrinkle or any such thing,but that it should be holy and without blemish,.

We are sanctified by the sacrifice Christ made for our sins Heb.10-9 Then saith He I come to do thy will O God.He taketh away the first(the old covenant) that He might establish the second-(The new Covenant),By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus once for all.V14 For by one offering,He hath perfected them forever that are sanctified.

Heb.10,29 After ~~the~~ mentioning the necessity of meeting and comemera ating the death of Christ,and failing to do so .Of how much sorer pun- ishment,suppose ye,shall he be thought worthy,who hath trodden under foot the Son of God,and hath counted the blood of the covenant,wherewith He was sanctified am unholy thing and done despite to t he Spirit of Grace?

Heb.13,12 Wherefore Jesus also ,that He might sanctify the people with His own blood,suffered without the gate.(outside the city of Jerusalem,al- so before He entered Heaven as King of kings and Lord of Lords.

1 Ths.4,3 This is the will of God even your sanctification,that ye should abstain from fornication.2 Tim.2;21 If a man purge himself from these,He shall be a vessel unto honour,snctified and meet for the masters use and prepared unto every good work. Ro.12,1 I beseech you therefore b brethren by the mercies of God;that ye present your bodies a living sacri fice ,holy,acceptible unto God,which is your reasonable sacrifice.And be not conformed to this world:but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,that ye may prove what is that good,and acceptable,will of God.

To present our bodies a living sacrifice,We must mortify the deeds of the flesh.Put off the old man with his deeds,which is corrupt according to the former conversation,and be renewed in the spirit of our minds.And that ye put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and ~~tr~~ true holiness,Wherefore putting away lieing,speak every man the truth with his neighbor:for we are members one of another.Be ye angry and sin not Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.Thus reads Eph.4,23-26.

Also we must,as Peter in 1 Pe.3,15 entreats,Sanctify the Lord God in your heart,and be ready at all times to give an answer to them that ask you for a reason for the hope that is in you,with meekness and fear. And in order to do this we must Study to shew thyself approved unto God,a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,rightly dividing the word of truth 2 Tim.3,15.--Search the scriptures,Give attention to reading.Take Heed unto thyself,and to the doctrine,continue in them,for in so doing,thou shalt b both save thyself and them that hear thee 1 Tim,4,16.

Let us now turn to Col.3,12-13 To pesent our bodies a living sacrifice we must-Put on therefore as the elect of God,holy and beloved,bowels of mercy,kindness,humbleness of mind,meekness,long suffering;forbearing oneanother and forgiving oneanother,if any man have a quarrel against any;even as Christ forgave you. Also 1 Pe.2,1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile,and hypocricies,and envyings,and evil speaking,and as new b born babes,desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby. Col.3,15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts,to the which ye are called and be ye thankful.16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;teaching and admonishing one- another in psalms,hymns and spiritual songs,singing with grace in your he hearts unto the Lord.17 and whatsoever you do in word or deed,do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,giving thanks unto God and the Father by Him.

Af 20,32 And now brethren,I commend you to God,and to the word of His grace,which is able to build you up,and to give you an <u>inheritance</u> among them that are sahctified.--Now let us not forget 1 Ths.4,3For this is the will of God,even <u>your sanctification</u>.Also keep in mind 1 Ths.5,23 And the very God of Peace sanctify you wholly;And I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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