

SANCTIFICATION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

(SET YOUR MIND—I)

ROMANS 8:5-13

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Sanctification is the process that God uses to set the believer apart from the world to participate in the purpose for which he or she has been called. It is both a completed act occurring at conversion and an ongoing process in which the believer grows in appropriating the grace of God that has been poured into his life by the Holy Spirit.

SET YOUR MIND with a special time and place to meet with the Lord each day. Under the control of the Holy Spirit, prayerfully ask God to “speak” to you through His Word and meditate on what He is saying. The result and gift of spending time with the Lord each day in this way is abundant life and peace. (**Romans 8:5-8, fn 8:5,6, Matthew 4:1-4, fn 4:3, 4{2nd}**, **Romans 12:1, 2, fn 12:2, Mark 1:35, fn 1:35**) *How could you spend at least 20 minutes to one hour each day setting your mind on Christ?*

REMEMBER THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL SECURITY. Jesus exchanged your sin for His righteousness and gave life eternal to your spirit. He also promised to redeem your body and guarantees eternal security by evidence of the Holy Spirit in you. (**Romans 8:9-11, fn 8:9, fn 8:11, Romans 8:23, fn 8:23, II Corinthians 5:1-10, 17, 21, fn 5:5, fn 5:17, fn 5:21, Ephesians 1:13, 14, fn 1:13, 14**) *How does knowing that you have eternal security help to set your mind?*

FULFILL YOUR OBLIGATION NOT TO SIN. As you “set your mind” ask God to reveal sin in your life. By faith place the sin on the cross and count yourself dead to sin. Grace (Christ’s power) always trumps sin. (**Romans 8:12, 13, fn 8:13, Psalm 139:23, 24, John 17:17, fn 17:17, Romans 6:11-14, fn 6:11, I John 1:9, fn 1:9{2nd}**) *Why is it most important that you allow God to point out your sin?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.