1. **Read Romans 6: 16-23 (New Standard Revised Version)**

16 – Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

17 – But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted,

18 – and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

19 – I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, **so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification**.

20 – When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 – So, what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.

22 – But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, **the advantage you get is sanctification**. The end is eternal life.

23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. **Background**
2. Discussion on “faith” and its requirements as believers (example of Abraham – Romans 4:1-12)
3. Discussion on “faith” by means of being justified through Christ (example of contrast between Adam and Christ – Romans 5: 12-21)
4. Discussion last week on Romans 6:7-8, 12-14
5. **Sanctification Definition**
6. Generic Definition – *The state of proper functioning*
7. Verb form – *to set apart or consecrate*
8. Hebrew verb form – *qadhash*, meaning sanctified
9. Greek word for sanctification – *hagiasmos* (root from the verb *hagoazo*)
10. Only the root form is found in the New Testament 10 times, but not sanctification
11. Whenever the root is used, you will find the translation to be “holy,” “hallow,” “hallowed,” “holiness,” “consecrate,” “saint,” and “sanctify.”
12. Alternative Definition - *Making holy or made holy* – the designer allows the object to be purified or made holy
13. **Sanctification Explanation**
14. The Biblical Sense – Setting apart is done by a designer (God) in order for the object to be used to its designed purpose (water container – designed to hold water)
15. Setting aside for a sacred purpose
16. Cleanliness allows the believer to see the will of God for his or her life (separate from worldly thinking)
17. Thus, God declares that you belong to God (priests, nation, and worship)
18. Exodus 13:2
19. Sanctification without moral implication
20. Gen. 38:21 – *He asked the townspeople, “where is the temple* ***prostitute*** *who was at Enaim by the wayside?” But they said, “No* ***prostitute*** *has been here.”*
21. The word translated prostitute has same root as the Hebrew *qadhash*
22. Reveals that sanctification can be conducted for immoral intentions
23. Reveals that the enemy can “sanctify” people for immoral works
24. 2 Kings 10:20 – *Jehu decreed, “Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal.”*
25. Context is about the slaughter of Baal worshipers
26. This reveals the absence of ethics
27. **How to Be Sanctified (Romans 6:19; Genesis 3:6-7; and 1 Samuel 3:1-15, 19-21**
28. Romans 6:19 – *(19)* *For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity*
29. Sanctification of Sin
30. Genesis 3:6-7 – *(6)* *So when* ***the woman saw*** *that the* ***tree was good for food****, and that it was a* ***delight to the eyes****, and that* ***the tree was to be desired to make one wise****,* ***she took of its fruit and ate****; and* ***she also gave some to her husband****, who was with her, and he ate. (7) Then* ***the eyes of both were opened****, and they knew that they* ***were naked****; and* ***they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths*** *for themselves*
31. Captivation (intrigue)
32. Begins with the senses – in this case, sight (***the woman saw***)
33. Matt. 5:29 – *(29) if your right* ***eye causes you to sin****, tear it out and throw it away*
34. Rationalize the Captivation
35. Logical thinking to justify the action (food consumption and nourishment) – ***the tree was good for food***
36. Rationalization through fantasy and imagination (***delight to the eyes***)
37. Fantasy & Imagination Creates Desire/Craving
38. Logical thinking to justify the action (acquire wisdom) – ***the tree was to be desired to make one wise***
39. Initiation (action) – ***she took of its fruit and ate***
40. Participation – ***she also gave some to her husband***
41. Result
42. Greater knowledge (***the eyes of both were opened***)
43. Knowledge produces awareness (***were naked***)
44. Greater knowledge & awareness realize restrictions (***they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths***)
45. Sanctification of Righteousness (Beginning Stages)
46. 1 Samuel 3:1-15
47. Heart & Mind Need To Seek God (Service) – *Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord* (verse 1)
48. See Romans 6:19 – *presenting your members* – i.e. your limbs, bodily organs, and their constitution (the body) for service
49. See Romans 12:1 – *to present your bodies as a living sacrifice*
50. Environment or position to hear God – *Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord* (verse 3)
51. Must be safe
52. Quiet
53. No distractions
54. Hearing the Voice of God – *then the Lord called “Samuel! Samuel!* (verse 4)
55. God will call you by name
56. Training to Hear the Voice of God (verses 5-9)
57. You will mess up (three times with Samuel)
58. Training your spiritual ear but you will think it is the natural ear or rationalize what you heard to something else
59. Respond to His Call and Listen – *And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”* (verse 10)
60. Revelation ensues (verses 11-14)
61. Reflect with God – *Samuel lay there until morning* (verse 15)
62. Write down what He says
63. Think about what He says
64. Thank God for the revelation
65. Encouraged and Purposeful – *then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord* (verse 15)
66. You will feel inspired and loved
67. You will be confident because you will know how to minister
68. Consistent Obedience and Purification – Romans 6:22 – *(22) But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God,* ***the advantage you get is sanctification****.*
69. 1 Samuel 3:19-21 – *(19) As* ***Samuel grew up****, the* ***Lord was with him*** *and* ***let none of his words fall to the ground****. (20) And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was* ***a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.*** *(21) The* ***Lord continued to appear at Shiloh****, for the Lord* ***revealed Himself*** *to Samuel at Shiloh by the Word of the Lord.*
70. God will put you in the fire (***Samuel grew up)***
71. lay out His expectations for His relationship with you (different for various individuals)
72. God will test your heart in order for you to rely on Him greater (***Lord was with him)***
73. Former sins of old will creep to throw your walk off with God
74. God will make you become a spokesperson and succeed (***let none of his words fall to the ground)***
75. God will give you sheep to minister to because you have been tested to be trustworthy to the sheep (***a trustworthy prophet of the Lord)***
76. God will put a burden of prayer in your spirit
77. God will continue to speak revelation to you (***Lord continued to appear at Shiloh; revealed Himself)***
78. Remember where you came from and your roots
79. Revelation never stops
80. Revelation comes through God’s Word (Bible and spoken words)