

Volume 5, Day 27: Willing to Pay the Cost of Surrender?

Do we even understand the implications of being sanctified? Paul included the word **wholly**, that is, completely. Although you may think of being sanctified as the process of becoming more like Christ, it is rather in instantaneous effect of a definite, whole-hearted commitment. Sanctification from God's point of view is these two things. We are **set apart** for His use. And we are **declared** to be fully righteous as was His Son, Jesus. Neither of these things are gradual. It may take us a long time to come to the point of crisis wherein we take the leap and say, "I'm all in!"

Are you prepared for what full surrender to God's sanctification will cost you? It will require an intense narrowing of all your interests and an enormous attention to the purposes of God. It requires every power of your body, soul and spirit expended to accomplish God's purposes. Are you prepared for God to do in you all that He separated you for? Are you prepared to separate yourself to God even as Jesus did? Are you willing, **for the sake of others**, to be fully surrendered to God's purposes and plans?

The reason many of us have not entered into the experience of sanctification is that we have not realized and accepted the meaning of sanctification from God's point of view. It means being made one with Jesus so that the motives that inspired Him will be the same motives that inspire us. Are we prepared for what that will cost? It will cost us everything that is not of God in our lives.

The one and only characteristic of the Holy Spirit in a man is a strong family likeness to Jesus Christ, and freedom from everything that is unlike Him. Are you willing to be as radically different from all others as Jesus was?

My Confirming Scriptures:

Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan