

Sanctification by Kevin Geoffrey

“As we pursue Messiah, devoting ourselves to him, and serving the kingdom, it is expected that we will live a life of holiness.

But sanctification is not just about keeping our members from participating in sin. Sanctification means separation from the things of the world- refusal to conform to its ways.

When we give an inch to sin, sin has the ability to take a mile, and before we know it, we are overrun and ruined.

Learning the ways of sanctification teaches us not only what to stay away from, but how to avoid being lured away by sin again and again.”

Note: Read the prayer of repentance (the AI Chet) on the Day of Atonement at least once a year to understand what sin is and to help you identify sin in your life; then you will know what to repent. (under Messianic Judaism – appointed times – day of atonement button.)

“Our lives are so entangled with the world, that we have lost our sensitivity to evil., making it commonplace and acceptable as a natural expression and lifestyle.”

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.

In unrighteousness they suppress the truth, because what can be known about God is plain to them—for God has shown it to them.

His invisible attributes—His eternal power and His divine nature—have been clearly seen ever since the creation of the world, being understood through the things that have been made.

So people are without excuse—for even though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or give Him thanks.

Instead, their thinking became futile, and their senseless hearts were made dark.”

“And just as they did not see fit to recognize God, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what is not fitting.

They became filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, and evil.” Romans 1:18-21; 28-29

“The advances in civilization in general have amplified the depravity of man Determine to watch yourself, how you behave, what you say and think, the things to which you expose yourself and your family.

And finally, look for ways to practice sanctification. As we conform ourselves to the teachings of the Word and follow the ways of the Master, we will be led into purity and goodness in our everyday lives.”

“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.” John 17:14-20 (NKJV)

“Yeshua clearly knew what we would be up against. Our salvation was accomplished once and for all by the atoning blood of the Messiah, but it would not include escape from the world.

As the Master was sent to the world, so have we been sent by the Master. But here’s the test: though the disciples of Messiah are fated to be in the world, we are not to be *of the world*.”

“The son knew this in advance, so He asked the Father to keep us out of evil – that we would remain true to our new creation selves that we would be sanctified.

Whether we realize it or not, we are constantly bombarded with sin and the ways of the flesh, so much so that we have become desensitized to overt sinfulness and impure things.”

Note: Setting aside one day a week to worship the Lord, not only reminds us of the holiness of God, but teaches us of our own holiness- being set apart and the need to practice our own sanctification.

“Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.””
1 Peter 1:13-16