

Series: The Prayer of Jesus; *Sermon:* **How to Become More Holy**
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Bible text explored: John 17:17-19

¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. [ESV]

Review and application:

In this final recorded prayer of Jesus (John 17), he has already asked (v. 5) that he might himself be glorified, and that his disciples (v. 11) would be protected and remain united. This brings us to his third request.

1. The basic meaning of to “sanctify” (v. 17) is to “set apart.” What are we set apart *from*, and what are we set apart *to*?
Who provides the ultimate example of this set-apartness?
How will becoming more like him bring alignment with God, and purity from the contamination of the world?
2. Is this separateness better accomplished by . . .
. . . avoiding infection (by monastic externals)?
. . . (or) developing a strong immune system (of internal purity)?
3. Who alone has the power to do the sanctifying?
What is our primary resource for absorbing the truth that Jesus taught?
What action must we take to apply his truth to our lives?
(See *Phil. 2:12-13*.)
4. For what mission (v. 18) are we being set apart?
Why is my regular participation in a Bible teaching church essential?
How am I seeking to be involved in active evangelism?
5. For whose sake (v. 19) was Jesus setting himself apart for a sacrificial death?
6. If the world is to be saved, how can we —equipped by the Spirit— be transformed to penetrate it, without being contaminated by its darkness?