

...lest we drift away." (Heb.2:1)



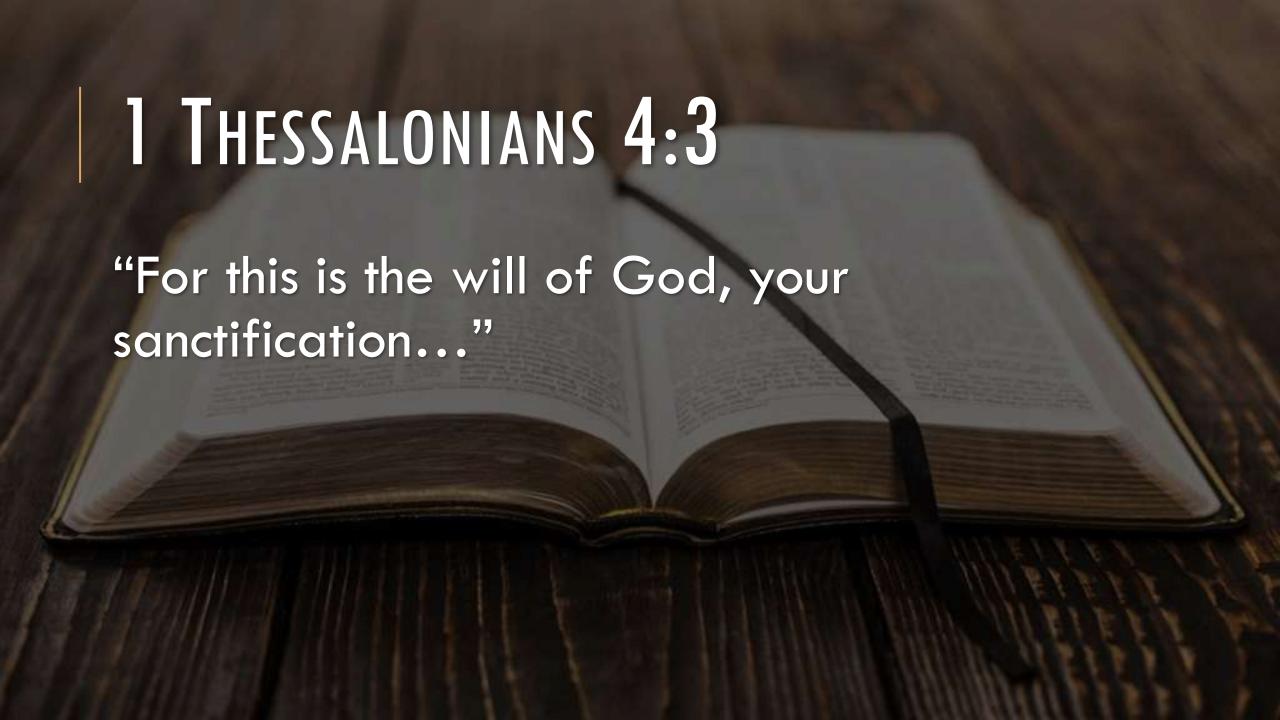
Are All Churches of Christ the Same?

Matthew 16:18



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- They Should Be! (Matt.13:19)
- But Divisions Must Come...
 (1Cor.11:19)
- Yet Not All Divisions Are Formal and Obvious (1Cor.1:10)



SANCTIFICATION

Sanctify / Sanctified:

-0037. ἀγιάζω hagiazo to make holy, i.e. purify or consecrate

Sanctification:

-0038. ἀγιασμός hagiasmos; from 37; properly, purification, i.e. purity

Holy:

-0040. ἄγιος hagios; from ἄγος hagos sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated)



- Sanctification and Holiness are synonymous
- •God's will for us is to be set apart from the world as a reflection of His Son both individually and collectively as a church.

THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD — YOUR SANCTIFICATION (1THESS.4:3)

- •Establish your hearts blameless in holiness (1Thess.3:13)
 - ○To be acceptable to God (Rom.12:1-2)
 - To be a reflection of God (1Pet.1:18-19)
 - To glorify God (2Tim.2:20-22)
 - Oln every aspect of life (Titus 2:1-3:2, 8)



COMPROMISING THE STANDARD OF HOLINESS

- "We're only human no one is perfect" (2Cor.7:1)
- •"We need to be more in touch with the world" (2Cor.6:17-18)
- •Measuring themselves by themselves (2Cor.10:12)

COMPROMISING THE MEANS AND MOTIVATION FOR SANCTIFICATION

- Censoring the Word of God (Jn.17:17)
- •"It's a grey area" (Eph.5:17)
- •Failure to practice Church Discipline (1Cor.5:5)

COMPROMISING THE GOAL OF SANCTIFICATION

- Everyone who has this hope purifies himself (1Jn.3:2-3)
- Our citizenship is in Heaven (Phil.3:18-21)
- •This world is not our home (1Jn.2:15-17)



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There <u>IS</u> a
Difference

Does it matter?

Are These Churches Sound?