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Message Topic: **Doctrine of Sanctification**

Scripture Text: 1 Peter 1: 1-16

1. To be sanctified means to live a holy life. When we become a Christian, we become a holy people unto the Lord. The Bible commands us in 1 Peter 1:16 "Be ye holy, for I am holy." We need to remain holy till the very end. It is not just saying the sinner's prayer but to keep growing in grace of Jesus Christ. If a Christian has no desire for holiness and godliness, he is most probably not one.
2. To continue in holiness is progressive sanctification. God will ensure His own elect will be kept to the very end and will be sanctified to the very end. On our part, we must continue and persevere in our faith by looking to Jesus. Though there will be trials but we will have joy in the Lord Jesus. (v.7)
3. In v.13a, "gird up the loins of your mind" means to be fully prepared, without delay and to let nothing to slow us down. God wants us to be sober and live a sanctified life to be used and fit for service of the Lord. In v.13b, we must have hope in the midst of sanctification.
4. In v.14, we must be obedient children of God. This means denying sins in our lives. Obedience to God means a 100% obedience and not what we choose to obey or not.
5. What robs us from the joy of a sanctified life is because we are living in sin. We often excuse our sins by telling God that we are weak and cannot help but fall into sin. Sanctification is to be more like Christ and living in holiness.