

Object lesson

Needed: a special Tea Cup, or 3 special Tea Cups

If using one tea cup, start with dirty cup. Cleanse it. Then fill it.

Using 3 cups --

Show one dirty, one clean but empty, and one clean and filled.

Have you ever wondered, as you heard stories about Jesus or other people in the Bible, "How could I ever be like that?"

We talk a lot about being saved from your sins. That is like this cup. It is dirty, isn't it? To be saved means God washes you clean from the sins you did and makes you a clean cup. (Wash cup) That is the *first step*.

To be sanctified is the *second step*. Sanctify is a big word, but it has a simple meaning. It means first to make pure or holy. When God saves you, He takes out the **I did** -- He forgives your sins. When He sanctifies a saved person, He takes out the **Want to** for sin. (Wipe the clean cup again) Some people have a hard time staying saved because they want to do things they know don't please God. When Jesus makes you pure and holy, *the desires to do wrong things are gone* and He gives new desires that help you live pleasing to God.

The second meaning of sanctify is *to set apart for a holy purpose*. These tea cups are very special to me. I do not drink out of them every day, not even once a week. I use them for special occasions like Easter and Christmas or if I have special guests in my home. After you are saved, if you want to go forward with God, you will set some things in your life apart for Him. When you tell God your whole life belongs to Him, and you really mean it, ask Him to sanctify you and He will do it.

When a person is saved and sanctified, God can fill that one with His Holy Spirit. That is the *third step*. This gives a Christian **power** to be a witness and a worker for God.

(Fill cup with colored liquid -- something that can easily be seen. If using a basin to wash the first cup, hold this cup over the basin and *fill to overflowing*)



REVIEW QUESTIONS

These questions can be used in Tic Tac Toe, as Flash Cards or any other review game.

- 1) True or False -- God wants to give His Holy Spirit to us, if our hearts are clean.
- 2) What does it mean to "be saved"?
- 3) True or False -- The Holy Spirit gives you power.
- 4) How can you have Jesus in your heart?
- 5) True or False -- The Holy Spirit is God.
- 6) Why do you think God uses people to work for Him?
- 7) True or False -- Having the Holy Spirit helps you be a strong Christian.
- 8) Name one thing the Holy Spirit does.
- 9) What kind of people can be saved?
- 10) How do you ask Jesus to come into your heart?
- 11) True or False -- God hears our prayer when we really mean it.
- 12) True or False -- The Holy Spirit will come into anybody.
- 13) True or False -- A sanctified person will still sin.
- 14) What would you tell a friend who said, "I want to be sanctified"?
- 15) True or False -- You must be 12 years old before God will sanctify you.
- 16) True or False -- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is when you go down into the water.
- 17) What is the *first step* in God's Plan?
- 18) What is the *second step* in God's Plan?
- 19) What is the *third step* in God's Plan?

READY FOR THE MASTER'S USE

Salvation is . . .

(See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)

Sanctification is . . .

(See Romans 12:1-2.)

Baptism of the Holy Spirit is . . .

(See John 16:13; Acts 1:8.)

Imagine trying to build a house from the top down or the middle out. How long do you think it would stand without the proper foundation or supports?

Explain why it is impossible to receive salvation, sanctification, or the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the wrong order.

Aren't you glad that God is the Master Builder and knows what we need, when we need it, and has it for us when we are ready?

Ready, Willing, and Able!

When we speak of "salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost," we don't mean that is all there is to our Christian experience. They are just the beginning of a wonderful and blessed life of service for Jesus. You may wonder exactly what those big words mean, how they can be a part of your life, and what they will do for you. Look up the following Scriptures and match them with the words that describe the meaning of each verse.

Salvation:

How can I be saved?

Mark 1:15

Romans 10:9

Romans 8:16

- Confess
- Repent & Believe
- Spirit bears witness

What will it do for me?

John 3:3

2 Corinthians 5:17

Ephesians 4:25

Ephesians 4:32

- Makes you kind & forgiving
- Makes you truthful
- You will see Kingdom of God
- Makes everything is new

Sanctification:

How can I be sanctified?

Romans 12:1,2

Romans 6:13

2 Corinthians 7:1

- Give yourself (will) to God
- Cleanse (set apart) yourself
- Consecrate yourself

What will it do for me?

Hebrews 2:11

Ephesians 5:25-27

- Makes you holy
- You have unity with God & Christians

Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

How can I be baptized with the Holy Spirit?

Acts 1:4

Romans 12:1,2

Psalms 37:4

- Reconsecrate
- Praise God
- Tarry in prayer

What will it do for me?

Acts 1:8

John 16:13

John 14:26

- Teacher
- Power to witness
- Guide



BUILD ON THE SOLID FOUNDATION

SALVATION

How do I receive it?

What will it do for me?

SANCTIFICATION

How do I receive it?

What will it do for me?

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

How do I receive it?

What will it do for me?

BRAND NEW

Read John 3:1 - 7

What kind of man was Nicodemus? _____

Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night? _____

How did Jesus say we can get into Heaven? _____

What kind of "birth" was Jesus talking about? _____

What kind of "birth" did Nicodemus think about? _____

Beside each verse write what happens when a person is "born again":

Romans 8:1 _____

Romans 5:1 _____

Romans 6:22 _____

I John 3:9 _____

I John 5:18 _____

Finish this verse:

"Therefore if any man be in _____, he is a _____
creature: _____ things are _____;
behold all things are become _____." II Corinthians 5:17

