

## Our Sanctification

God never intended for man to live without His presence. That is part of the devastating effects of sin. Without the Spirit of God, man is powerless to control his fleshly appetites. Passion rules. Desires take over. Without God, life is out of control. That is why man needs a new birth or resurrection. That is why the Spirit of God must dwell within. One of His works in us is called sanctification. Peter told the pilgrims of the Dispersion that they were, "...elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:2). It is only through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit that we are enabled to obey God rather than the dictates of the flesh...

(Covenant of Freedom: The Nature and Characteristics of God's New Covenant by John Carroll Brown, Tate Publishing & Enterprises: Mustang, Oklahoma, 2011, 225)