

Separation, Saturation and Sanctification

CHRIST’S PRAYER FOR HIS DISCIPLES: “I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**” John 17:17

The Psalm 1, 19, 119 Formula for Success:

Separation unto
God from the World

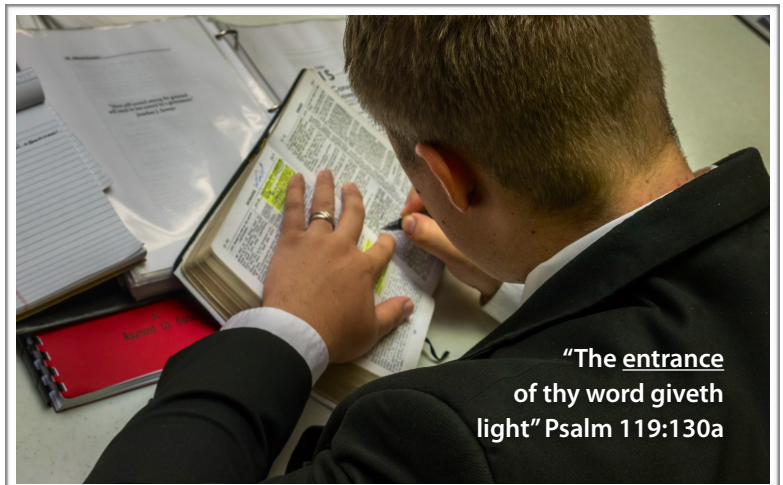
Saturation in the
Word of God +

Sanctification by the Spirit

Separation unto God from the world, is vastly different than separation from the world unto God (I John 2:15-17). **It is a matter of focus.** A focus on God results in a separation from the world. A focus on what to be separated from results in a focus on the very things on which one does not need to be focusing. **Saturation** in the Word of God hinders the absorption of anything contrary to it; not just because of preoccupation, but also due to grace (Acts 20:32). **Sanctification** (increasingly set apart inwardly for service) by the Spirit, is the result of separation unto God and saturation in His Word. The Author of the Word, **uses the Bible to refine one’s desires, pursuits, and attainments** for that which is holy, wholesome, and spiritual (Romans 8:5-6; Colossians 1:9-10ff; II Timothy 2:21 (15-21); I Peter 3:15).

A major objective of training men for the ministry ought to be the **maintaining of an atmosphere that is conducive for the sanctification** of the students’ affections, aspirations, and activities (I Thess. 4:3-7). In light of the Bible not only having much to say about sanctification (nearly 150 uses of the term), but also wonderfully declaring it to be **a work of all three persons within the Godhead** “Sanctified by God the Father.” Jude 1; “Sanctified in Christ Jesus.” I Cor. 1:2; “Through the sanctification of the Spirit.” I Peter 1:2), there is clearly maximum divine activity in relation to it via the Word, as Christ said. Consequently, in the NBBS classroom, it is **“open Bible time”** for both the teacher and the students. Numerous charts, prepared notes, and note-taking accentuate the Bible passages being studied, they do not displace it. In most every case, required textbooks are for outside assignments (further study by reading and for research papers). There are many good books on the Bible that the student needs to read, **but there is nothing like being taught directly from open Bibles** in the hand of the teacher and the student, when it comes to the triune God effecting sanctification! The Bible is not magical, but it is a one-of-a-kind instrument in hands of God the Holy Spirit.

“thoroughly furnished”
II Timothy 3:16-17



**“The entrance
of thy word giveth
light” Psalm 119:130a**

Important Dates

Week of Concentrated Study - Youth Ministry
"Reaching the Next Generation" - Psalm 78:6a
October 8-11, Tuesday-Friday, 8-12 NOON
Four Speakers - One for Each Day (Jesse Latta, David Pugh, Earl Sides, Tony Sengmany).
There is no charge and pastors, youth directors, and youth workers are invited to come!

Take Note

NBBS Representatives are ready to visit your church! Consider having Dr. Barber, Dr. Riggsby, Bro. Stewart, or any faculty member present NBBS to your people.

Favorite Sayings

"Riggsbyisms"

"Do it right the first time." Cited by Dr. Terry Riggsby, Faculty (Admin. of NBBS - 1984-1999).

Our Heritage Speaks

"Ten Points About the Unknown God by Paul in Acts 17:23-31: 7) He is omnipotent. v. 28. In Him we live and move and have our being. We are His offspring. He is not only life and the source of life, the Creator of all things, but the Sustainer of life as well." Studies in Acts, Louis Entzminger

Alumni News!

Kenneth Ralph, a 2019 graduate of the NBBS, is now serving, along with his family, in the Pensacola Baptist Temple, Pensacola, Florida, as Asst. Pastor for Pastor Glen Anderson. PBT started in 1935, and is rich in history. It has played a major role in the ongoing of the

IBFI. Bro. Ralph was recently elected Alumni President at the alumni luncheon, held during the annual May Fellowship meeting in Ft. Worth. He follows Bro. Glen, who has been a ready source of blessing to NBBS and alumni in various ways, for many years. *Thank you Bro.*

Anderson and PBT! We rejoice in the Ralph family coming your way to minister!



Seizing the Opportunity!

By faith, we walked through a door some 36 years ago when we as a fellowship started the NBBS to train preachers. Men have been walking through it ever since, and never more so than now! Women who were married to them, or who have surrendered to full-time service have also **seized the opportunity** to be educated at the seminary. Having started as a three-year institute, and now operating for several years as a seminary with a four-year undergraduate bachelor's degree program, **the school is able to further saturate their students** in the Bible and doctrine, and application of both, by way of 24 courses in Bible exposition, 10 in doctrine, and 14 classes on church ministry and living the Christian life.



Our 71st semester was kicked-off on Tuesday, August 13, with a great start via combining with the IBF of Texas and the GSW bi-annual meeting. The Opening Day Rally, as the first day of school, not only gives preachers and prospective students a great view of the school facilities and the student body, but it provides a great lift to the seminary overall. **The chapel area was packed out yet again!** The congregational singing, the special in song by Andrew Johnson, the preaching by NBBS alumnus and missionary to Argentina Jarrod Tunnell, faculty member Gary Cox, and Dr. Raymond Barber, **exemplified why NBBS is doing what it is doing.**

As the school grows, it is more of a challenge for all the preachers in training to preach twice in each semester as advertised. It helps with chapel being daily. Realize, we also have pastors, evangelists, and missionaries in to preach. Beyond chapel, once a semester we have Norris Night, wherein the families of the students gather for a meal, and then one after another the male students preach, with hymn singing in between every four or five sermons. Most every one of them will preach at the drop of a shoe (they don't wear hats)! **Feel free to come join us for chapel from 9:30-10:30 AM - Tuesday.-Friday.**