

The Three Legged Stool

TEXT: 1 Pet. 1:1-2

INTRODUCTION:

A. TWO SERMON TYPES – TOPICAL AND EXPOSITORY.

1. Topical deals with a subject à Several passages used.
2. Expository à Expose the meaning of a particular text.

B. EXPOSITORY SERMONS INVOLVE CONTEXT – BY DEFINITION.

1. Must see discussed topics as they are intended.
2. Some books set context in their salutation – often overlooked.
3. **1 Peter** salutation could be made into a series on various topics.
4. Introduces “sanctification” as central to faithfulness.

C. SANCTIFICATION IS A 3 LEGGED STOOL.

I. FIRST, THE AUTHOR AND ITS READERS.

A. PETER – APOSTLE – WHAT IS REQUIRED?

1. Qualifications given by Peter (**Acts 1:21-22**). Matthias chosen to succeed Judas.
2. Apostle’s work:
 - a. Witnesses (**Acts 1:8; 2:32**).
 - b. What they themselves saw and heard (**1 John 1:3; 2 Pet. 1:16**).
3. Peter not a pope (**Matt. 16:18**)
 - a. Rock – **petros** – foundation stone; Peter – **petra** – movable stone.
 - b. Peter uses this to illustrate (**1 Pet. 2:4-5**).

B. READERS:

1. The elect – chosen.
 - a. Who is chosen? (**2:9**) – Race or nation, not individuals, but a class.
 - b. What is chosen (**Eph. 1:4**) “Holy and without blemish...”
 - c. Believers – How? (**2 Thess. 2:13-14; John 6:44-45**) Called thru the Gospel.
 - d. Mourners (**Matt. 11:27-28; Matt. 5:3-4**).
 - e. According to God’s foreknowledge (**Eph. 1:4-5; 1 Pet. 1:20; Eph. 3:10-11**).
2. Sojourners of the Dispersion.
 - a. This world is not my home (**1:14; 2:11; Phil. 3:20; 2 Cor. 5:8**).
 - b. Used of dispersed Jews (**John 7:35**).
 - c. Christians (**James 1; Acts 8:1, 4**).

II. SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT.

A. SANCTIFY – **hagios** – HOLY, SET APART, SEPARATE, SPECIAL (**2:9**).

1. God claims us (**2:9; Rom. 8:16-17; Gal. 4:6-7**).
2. God exalts us (**Eph. 2:4-7**).
3. Special (**James 1:17-18**).

B. OF THE SPIRIT.

1. Called to this sanctification by the gospel (**2 Thess. 2:13-14**).
2. The Gospel demands sanctification.
 - a. The Gospel Commands (**2 Cor. 17-18**).
 - b. The Gospel Explains (**Titus 2:11-12; 2 Tim. 3:16-17**). **THE SPIRIT’S ROLE.**

III. THE THREE LEGGED STOOL.

A. SANTIFICATION FROM SIN (2 Cor. 6:17-18).

1. We are to be different (Rom. 12:2) By being right.
2. Abstain from fleshly lust (1 Pet. 2:11-12; 1 John 2:15-17).
3. Commanded – Something we do, not done to us (2 Cor. 7:1). **WE DO IT!**
4. What is typically thought of, but it is not all.

B. SEPARATION UNTO OBEDIENCE.

1. Obedience in necessary.
 - a. Sacrificial gifts are no substitute (1 Sam. 15-22).
 - b. Let God define “good works” (Matt. 7:21-27).
 - c. He has some designed for us (Eph. 2:10; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).
2. God has separated us for such (Titus 2:13-14).
3. Expected to be zealous and ready (Titus 3:1).

C. SEPARATED UNTO SPRINKLING OF THE BLOOD.

1. Reference to the high priest (Lev. 16; Heb. 9:19-22; 10:22).
2. And to forgiveness obtained by Christ’s blood (Heb. 9:22; 10:22; 1 John 1:7).
3. Separated to it.
 - a. Who? The elect – believers and sojourners (1:1).
 - b. Theirs exclusively (Rom. 8:1; 1 John 1:6-7; 2:1-2).
 - c. In Christ? (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:26-27).

D. ONE SANCTIFICATION.

1. Can’t have one without all three.
2. Without separation from sin and obedience there is no blood sprinkling.

SANCTIFIED

FROM SIN

UNTO

OBEDIENCE

UNTO FORGIVENESS

CONCLUSION: ARE YOU A SAINT?