

*Foundations for Spiritual Growth – Romans 6-8 – Week Three*

# ***Sanctification and Spiritual Formation***

## ***Romans 6:11-14***

**Introduction:** In Romans 6:11-14 we come to the intersection of sanctification and spiritual formation. Sanctification is God's sovereign work (1-10). As we respond with intelligent faith (vs. 11), he progressively transforms our position our practice. In verses 12-14 Paul shows that the right response to sanctification is to discipline ourselves for the sake of godliness. This morning we explore the intersection between God's work and our work.

### **1. SANCTIFICATION (REVIEW) – Sanctification is something God initiates by granting us a new position. *Romans 6:3-10***

- A. Key word: know – We need to know our position in Christ. 6:3-10
- B. Key word: reckon – God wants us to embrace this new position by faith. 6:11

### **2. SPIRITUAL FORMATION – Spiritual formation is something we do in Christ's power. *Romans 6:12-13***

- A. Thinking about spiritual formation.
- B. Negatively, I disrupt the environment in which sin is easy. 6:12-13a
- C. Positively, I create an environment where God uses me on the basis of my position. 6:13b

### **3. THE RESULT – Sin will not be master over me. *Romans 6:14***

- A. Promise – Sin will progressively cease to be my lord, because Jesus has taken possession of me.
- B. First reason – I am not dependent on the principle of law for self-mastery or spiritual growth.
- C. Second reason – I live under a reign of grace in where there is supernatural power for growth.