Northwest Bible Church – May 17, 2015 – Worship Service – Alan Conner

**Jn. 17:17**

*“Sanctify Them in Truth”*

Intro

**A. REQUEST #2 – “SANCTIFY THEM”**

 1) What is sanctification?

 *Westminster Shorter Catechism – “Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.”*

 *L. Berkhof, Systematic Theology, “Sanctification is that gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Spirit by which He delivers the justified sinner from the pollution of sin, renews his whole nature in the image of God and enables him to perform good works.”*

 2) Key elements:

 a) A work of the Holy Spirit.

 b) Renewal of the image of God.

 c) Gradual, on-going and incomplete

 d) Wrong views:

 3) How are we sanctified?

 a) By the truth, Your Word is truth.

 b) The role of the HS.

 4) The importance of Scripture.

 a) In our battle against Satan.

 b) In our battle with the world.

 c) In our battle with the flesh.

 d) In our fruitfulness.

 5) Why is sanctification important?

 a)

 b)

 6) Challenges:

Conclusion