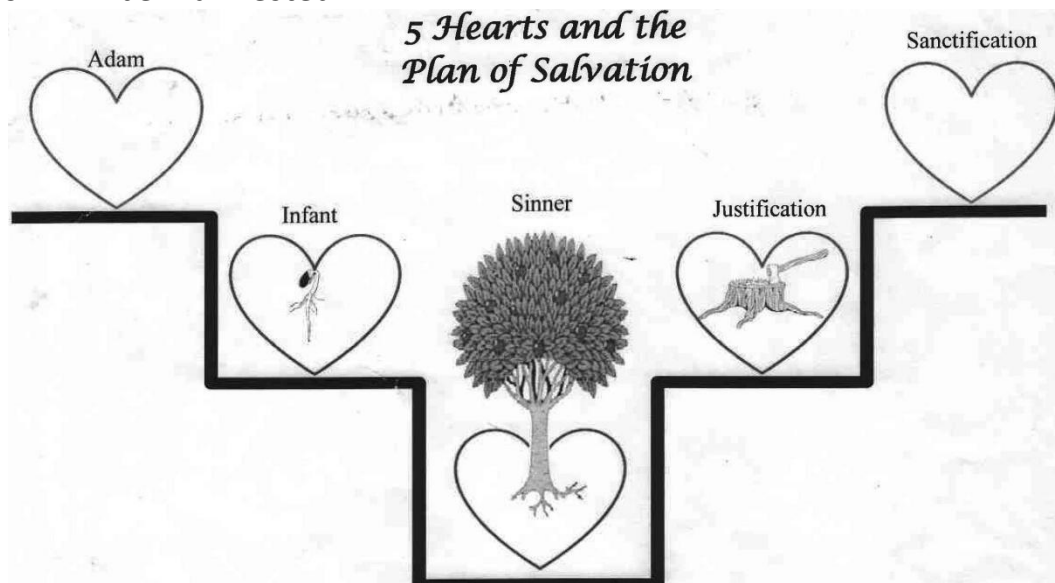


The Holy Ghost (Part III)

- Opening Scripture: John 15:1-2
 - after a person gets saved, they are connected to the vine and are bringing forth fruit
 - however, there is still a purging necessary so that they can bring forth more fruit
- Repentance is only the foundation
 - when a person repents, they deal with sins that have been committed and are able to refrain from sin and live holy in this state of justification
 - Hebrews 12:14- holiness is a base requirement to make it to heaven
 - however, this does not deal with the nature that every human being is born with that leads a person into sin in the first place
- Sinful/Adamic Nature
 - Ephesians 2:1-3- man born with a nature that causes him to have a tendency to evil (also Genesis 8:21, Ecclesiastes 8:11, Psalms 58:3)
 - you have to teach a child to do good, but you don't have to teach a child to get mad or be selfish
 - a person can only remain in a justified state for so long before this nature will lead them into sin again; if you disobey and don't receive the Holy Ghost, the "seed" (that we were born with) will sprout again and sin will be manifested



- it is because of this nature that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23,10)
- Romans 5:11-12- when Adam sinned, he plunged all of mankind into it and now everyone is born naturally depraved of the grace, power, and Spirit of God; mankind is born out of fellowship of God (thus, the term “native depravity”)
- this is why it is necessary for the Holy Ghost to do a deeper purging in sanctification
- sanctification goes beyond committed sin; it deals with you, your self, and your will (having to have your own way); this must be crucified in order for God to use you unreservedly as He chooses
- in a justified state, your intentions/thoughts/actions are pure and holy, but you are perfected (as in complete) when your nature is purged and you sacrifice you
- the full plan of salvation includes justification and sanctification (will explain in more detail next week for the conclusion)