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CHAPTER 13 Of Sanctification

- Paragraph 1 The Nature of Sanctification
  - What is the definition of the word "sanctification?"
    - In General
    - Progressive Sanctification
    - Definitive Sanctification
  - The AB/AB pattern of Paragraph 1. (A) Definitive Sanctification, (B) Progressive Sanctification; (A) Definitive Sanctification, (B) Progressive Sanctification.
    - Definitive Sanctification (A): Union with Christ, effectual calling, and regeneration. Acts 20:32
    - Progressive Sanctification (B): They "are also farther sanctified, really and personally, through the same virtue, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them." Eph 3:15-19
    - Definitive Sanctification (A): It says, "the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed." Rom 6:14
    - Progressive Sanctification (B). It says "the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified, and they are more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces to the practice of all true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Gal 5:24 [mortification]; Col 1:9-12 [vivification]; The necessity of holiness: 2 Cor 7:1; Heb 12:14

- Paragraph 2 The Imperfection of our Sanctification
  - ° "The whole man" 1 Thess 5:23-24
  - "Imperfect" Means incomplete. It's not defective. But unfinished. Romans 7:14-8:25; Gal 5:17; 1 Pet 2:11
- READ Paragraph 3 The Continuous and Upward Movement
  - Sanctification is called a "war."
  - It says, "the remaining corruption may for a time much prevail." Romans 7:23
  - Then it explains the means of overcoming sin: "Through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part doth overcome." Rom 6:14
  - The definition of "growth" as its found in Scripture.
    - We are "perfecting holiness in the fear of God."
    - We are "pressing after an heavenly life."
    - We are growing "in evangelical obedience to all the commands, which Christ, as Head and King, in His Word has prescribed."
    - Scripture: Eph 4:15-16; 2 Cor 3:18; 2 Cor 7:1