

First Baptist Church of Clinton, Louisiana
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 “Chapters 13, Of Sanctification”
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CHAPTER 13 Of Sanctification

- Questions for reflection.
- Paragraph 1 – The Nature of 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
 - Progressive Sanctification: Rom 6:22; 2 Cor 3:18; 2 Pet 1:8; 3:18
 - God's work to sanctify us: 1 Thess 5:23; 1 Cor 15:10; Heb 13:20-21; Eph 3:16
 - Our responsibility to be sanctified: Rom 6:12-13; 8:13; 1 Thess 4:3-8; Heb 4:11; 2 Pet 1:5
 - The means of progressive sanctification (not all are listed here in the confession):
 - The Word of God: 1 Peter 1:22-2:3
 - The Gospel: 1 Cor 15:1-2
 - The Law (The Ten Commandments): Rom 8:3-4
 - Prayer: Acts 2:42; 1 Thess 5:16-18
 - The Church. The ordinary means of grace, pastoral leadership, discipline. Acts 2:42; Eph 4:11-15
 - The Providence of God.
 - 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.”
 - Mortification and vivification: Rom 6:5-6; Gal 5:24-25; Eph 4:17-24
 - The necessity of holiness: 2 Cor 7:1; Matt 7:21-23; Heb 12:14-15; 1 Cor 6:9; Gal 6:7-8

- The goal of sanctification?

- 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

 - “Some remnants of corruption”
 - No one is without sin. 1 Kgs 8:46; Eccl 7:20; Prov 20:9; 1 Jn 1:8; Jas 3:2
 - Believers need to confess sin and pray for forgiveness: Matt 6:12-13; 1 Jn 1:9

 - “A continual and irreconcilable war” Rom 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.”
 - Eph 4:15-16; 2 Cor 3:18; 2 Cor 7:1