

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

- READ Paragraph 1 – The Nature of Sanctification
 - The material in paragraph 1 of the confession follows an AB/AB pattern, followed by the semi-colon. Definitive sanctification and progressive sanctification.
 - Definitive sanctification is asserted at the beginning. **“They who are united to Christ, effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection,”**
 - Next in the confession, we have progressive sanctification. They **“are also farther sanctified, really and personally, through the same virtue, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them.”**
 - Notice that this sanctification is God's work. We are sanctified by God's Word and God's Spirit.
 - God is at work in us to sanctify us. 1 Thess 5:23; 1 Cor 15:10; Heb 13:20-21; Eph 3:16
 - We must work to become holy. Rom 6:12-13; 8:13; 1 Thess 4:3-8; Heb 4:11; 2 Pet 1:5
 - The means of sanctification are mentioned here as the Word and Spirit. Let's look at the biblical means of sanctification.
 - 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. God's determination of providences in our lives, together with the Word of God, serves to shape us
 - Now back to definitive sanctification again. This is the definition of it.
 - It says, **“the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed.”** Rom 6:14
 - Now back to progressive sanctification. 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.”**
 - This speaks of “mortification” (putting to death of the old nature) and “vivification” (bringing to life of the new nature)” See: Rom 6:5-6; Gal 5:24-25; Eph 4:17-24
 - This is important in pastoral ministry.

- This section also teaches the necessity of holiness.
 - It speaks of “**true holiness, without which no man will see the Lord.**”
 - 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? Communion with God (the knowledge of God), the glory of God.