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## **CHAPTER 13 Of Sanctification**

- READ Paragraph 2 The Imperfection of our Sanctification
  - "This sanctification is throughout the whole man" 1 Thess 5:23-24
  - "Yet imperfect in this life" Means incomplete. It's not defective. But unfinished.
  - "There abideth still some <u>remnants of corruption</u> in every part"
    - 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
    - What about passages that say we have no more sin?
      - The Bible commands that we must be perfect: Matt 5:48.
      - John says that those who are born of God do not sin: 1 Jn 3:6, 8, 9. But see again 1 Jn 1:8-10.
  - "When ariseth a continual and irreconcilable war; the flesh lusting against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh.
- READ Paragraph 3 The Continuous and Upward Movement
  - Sanctification is called a "war." See Romans 7:14-8:25; Gal 5:17; 1 Pet 2:11
  - It says, "the remaining corruption may for a time much prevail." Romans 7:23
  - Then it explains the means of overcoming. "Through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part doth overcome." Rom 6:14
  - A 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."