

LESSON 8

CHAPTER 13. “Of Sanctification”

Sanctification: 1) Definitive- positional (set apart, in Christ, adopted)
2) Progressive- pursuit of a holy life
3) A work of the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of Christ)

I. Paragraph 1: Saints alive

- A. Being born again is necessary for sanctification
 - 1. It infallibly follows regeneration, effectual calling, and faith.
- B. Because sin no longer has dominion, we can mortify remaining sin in this life.
 - 1. Doctrine of Mortification of Sin (not perfectionism)
- C. Pursuit of holiness is a requirement to “see the Lord.”

II. Paragraph 2: Saints militant: The real war of good versus evil

- A. Every aspect of a believer’s life should grow in Christ-likeness.
- B. Every aspect of a believer’s life remains imperfect.
- C. Sanctification is a holy war.

III. Paragraph 3: Saints victorious

- A. All motivation, strength and accoutrements are from the indwelling of the Spirit.
 - 1. The full armor of God
 - 2. He worketh in you both to WILL and to DO according to His good pleasure
- B. Sanctification is hard work, but... “He that hath begun a good work SHALL perform it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Misunderstandings of Sanctification

- 1. Spirit baptism subsequent to regeneration accompanied by signs.
- 2. Second blessing concepts
- 3. Sanctification as a singular event
- 4. Sanctification must not be pursued, but waited for.
- 5. Blurring justification and sanctification
- 6. Perfectionism

Books Suggestions:

J. C. Ryle, *Holiness*
Jerry Bridges, *The Pursuit of Holiness*
A. W. Pink, *Spiritual Growth*

John Owen, *Sin and Temptation*
John Owen, *The Mortification of Sin*
Christopher Love, *The Mortified Christian*