

## Systematic Theology: The Doctrine of Salvation

### Sanctification

#### I. Introduction to Sanctification

- A. Sanctification is the application of the work of Christ to our daily lives. Sanctification is living out life in union with Christ. It is discipleship, it is ethics, it is spirituality, it is relational, it is devotional – all stems from the Holy Spirit’s application of salvation (esp union with Christ).
- B. Defining “to sanctify” “Sanctification”
- C. The three tenses of sanctification
  - 1. Definitive
  - 2. Progressive
  - 3. Final
- D. Erroneous views of sanctification
- E. The Absolute Necessity of Sanctification
  - 1. Its relationship to union with Christ and justification
  - 2. Sanctification is a necessary result of
  - 3. No holiness, no heaven (Heb. 12:14; Rom. 8:13; 2 Thess. 2:13)
- F. The Constant Battle (Gal. 5:17; Rom. 7:14-25)

#### II. Definitive Sanctification

- A. Scriptural emphasis: Acts 20:32; 26:18; 1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 10:10
- B. Definition: **Murray**, 279-280, 289  
**Ferguson**, Christian Spirituality
- C. In terms of the believer’s death to sin  
Rom. 6:1-11; 1 John 3:6-9

#### III. Progressive Sanctification

- A. Definition: “the process by which the believer is gradually transformed in heart, mind, will and conduct, and conformed more and more to the will of God and to the image of Christ” (Murray, 227).
- B. Scriptural emphasis: Rom. 8:4; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 4:1; Heb. 10:14
- C. The realms of sanctification
  - The affections (1 Jn. 2:15-17; 1 Jn. 5:3; Eph. 5:1-2) **F and F**
  - The mind (Rom. 12:1-2; Col. 3:1-2) ~ worldview/mind renew
  - The will (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Jn. 2:17)

➤Conduct (1 Thess. 4:3-7)

- D. The goal of sanctification
- Mortification of sin (Rom. 8:13)
  - Vivification of Christian graces (Gal. 5:22-23; 2 Pet. 1:5-7)
  - Conformity to the image of Christ (1 Cor.11:1; Col. 3:10; Phil. 2:5)
  - Conformity to the revealed will of God (1 Cor. 7:19; Gal. 5:14)
- E. The Patterns of Progressive Sanctification
1. Indicative/imperative pattern (Ridderbos, 253, 255)  
Rom. 6:8-12  
1 Cor. 6:19-20  
2 Cor. 7:1  
The pattern of Eph. 1-3; 4-6
  2. Negative/positive pattern  
-Rom. 8:13 (mortification)  
+2 Cor. 3:18 (transformation)  
-Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:8 (putting off)  
+Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10-11 (putting on)
- F. Images of sanctification
1. Walking in the Spirit/new life - Rom. 6:4; Gal. 5:16-26
  2. Warfare - Eph. 6:10-20
  3. Child-Parent - 1 Pet. 1:14-17; Eph. 5:1-2
  4. Athletics - 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 12:1-2; etc
  5. Fulfilling the Law by love - Rom. 13:8-10; Gal. 5:13-14
- G. The Means of Sanctification
1. Identifying the crux of the battle
    - Remaining, indwelling sin (Rom. 7:14-25)
    - Temptations, within and without
    - The lie of the world, the flesh and the devil
  2. The Word and Spirit  
Jn. 17:17; Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:11-12  
2 Tim. 3:16-17; Jas. 1:21-25; 1 Pet. 2:1-2  
\*fighting the fight of faith with the promises and threats
  3. Trials  
Psa. 119:67; 71; Jas. 1:2-4; 1 Pet. 4:1-2
  4. The means of grace (under perservance)
  5. God's discipline (Heb. 12:5-11)