

The Holy Spirit – Week 8

1. Generally sanctification is:
 - (1) A work of the Spirit of God
 - (2) Real and internal
 - (3) Not a mere persuasion to holiness
 - (4) An enablement by God

2. Sanctification is different from regeneration in that:
It is progressive, whereas regeneration is instantaneous

3. Holiness is like a seed that the Holy Spirit grows by:
 - (1) Increasing and strengthening graces of holiness already received
 - (A) Working an immediate and actual increase
 - (B) Supplying us with experience of the truth and reality of beliefs
 - (C) Exciting them to frequent action
 - (2) Adding occasional grace to each other (2 Peter 1:3-7)
 - (A) Providence aids us by ordering our circumstances
 - (B) Reminding us of our duty
 - (C) Setting grace to work

4. Why is the work of the Spirit necessary?
 - (1) No one is so strong so as not to need the Spirit's aid
 - (2) No one is so weak as to be hopeless

5. Examples of the nature of sanctification are: Tree growth Prayer

“Sanctification is the immediate work of the Spirit of God on the souls of believers, purifying and cleansing of their natures from the pollution and uncleanness of sin, renewing in them the image of God, and thereby enabling them, from a spiritual and habitual principle of grace, to yield obedience unto God, according unto the tenor and terms of the new covenant, by virtue of the life and death of Jesus Christ. It is the universal renovation of our natures by the Holy Spirit into the image of God through Jesus Christ.” (Owen III.386)

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1. What do the following passages teach about the relationship between sanctification and faith? (Acts 26:14-18; 1 Thess. 4:3-7; Acts 15:7-11; Hebrews 11:1-11; Romans 1:1-7; 1 Peter 1:20-22)
 - (1) Faith is the instrumental cause of our sanctification
 - (2) Where there is no faith, there is no sanctification

2. Two ways of describing this process of mortification are (Col. 3:5; Gal. 5:24):
 - (1) put to death
 - (2) crucify

3. Read Romans 6:6. What are the three elements of sin involved here?
 - (1) Root and principle (old man, old self)
 - (2) Inclination to sin (deceitful desires, passions of the flesh)
 - (3) Fruits/Effects of sin (we serve sin)

4. What does Galatians 5:16-24 tell us about mortification?
 - (1) We must constantly take part in the grace of the Spirit
 - (2) We must constantly fight against the flesh

5. Mortification is:
 - (1) (Mt. 5:29-30; 18:8-9) Painful
 - (2) (Romans 8:1) Found in the blood of Christ
 - (3) (Romans 8:11-13) The work of the Spirit