

GraceLife Church Presents . . .

Soteriology

The Purpose,
Accomplishment, Plan, and
Application of Redemption

The Application of Redemption

Introduction to Sanctification

- ❖ Sanctification is the aspect of salvation that happens throughout our lives.
- ❖ It is a progressive work. It grows. We become increasingly sanctified.
- ❖ The root idea in sanctification is 'holiness' which means that in it we are increasing in separation *from* sin and devotion *to* God.

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Introduction to Sanctification

- ❖ We spoke about the 3 time frames of sanctification: past, present, and future.
- ❖ *We have been* sanctified (set apart unto God) in initial or definitive sanctification.
- ❖ *We are being* sanctified in progressive sanctification.
- ❖ *We will be* sanctified in final sanctification or glorification.

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Definition of Sanctification

“Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.”

Wayne Grudem, *Bible Doctrine*, 326.

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- ❖ If we are going to love God, be like Christ, forsake sin and pursue holiness we need to remember 2 things.
 1. There was a time in our lives when this was utterly impossible for us because we were slaves of sin.
 2. This pursuit of Christ-likeness comes *after* we are saved. It is not to *earn* God's favour, instead it is the *result* of God's favour.

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- ❖ This brings up a difficult question in theology, “What is the flesh (Greek: *sarx*, σαρξ)?
 1. The human body as in ‘flesh and blood’ (Matt 16:17; Eph 6:12; 1 Cor 15:50).
 2. The unregenerate man in his state of blindness, bondage to sin, and inability to do any spiritual good (Rom 8:7–8; Eph 2:3).
 3. The remnant of that unredeemed nature that clings to the believer until ‘the body of death’ is done away with (Rom 7:24–25; Gal 5:16–17).

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- ❖ By “the remnant of that unredeemed nature” I don’t mean to say that we have two natures. We are *not* two natures in one person as though there were some sort of duality within us.
- ❖ We are not in the flesh and yet, something of the flesh remains in us.
- ❖ The flesh has been crucified if we are in Christ

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- ❖ The flesh has been crucified if we are in Christ.
- ❖ When Paul says the flesh *has been* crucified it seems to me that we must understand it as *having been* killed.
- ❖ However, by *killed* we can't understand Paul to mean that the flesh is no longer an issue because he commands believers to be renewed in the spirit of their minds, to obey Scripture, and to fight sin.

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- ❖ The flesh in a believer may be described in various ways.
 - ❖ Indwelling sin, the presence of sin, sin.
 - ❖ Sin which dwells in me (Rom 7:17, 20).
 - ❖ The flesh (Rom 6:17; Gal 5:17).
 - ❖ The members which are upon the earth (Rom 7:23; Col 3:5).
 - ❖ The deeds of the body (Rom 8:13).
 - ❖ Defilement of flesh and spirit (2 Cor 7:1).

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- ❖ The flesh in a believer may be difficult to explain but we know it in our experience.
 - ❖ We are still tempted to sin.
 - ❖ Old patterns of thinking and behaviour continue even though we are new creatures in Christ.
 - ❖ The imprint of the flesh, or the shell of the flesh, though dead, must be fully broken off as we grow in Christ.

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“Those who are born of God increasingly become the children of God and bear his image and likeness, because in principle they already are his children. The rule of organic life applies to them: Become what you are!”

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- ❖ What we need to understand is that the flesh remains in us (however we describe that) but its former power over us has been broken through our union with Christ.
- ❖ The seed of regeneration has everything in it already for it to grow into Christlikeness.
- ❖ The old man has been destroyed and a new man has been implanted within, what remains is to shed the remaining shell of the old man by the renewing of our minds.

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- ❖ The flesh in a believer will never be fully and finally subdued until that marvellous day when we see Christ as he is and are transformed into his glorious image—never to sin again.
- ❖ Until then, we must fight our sin.
 - ❖ We must battle with temptation.
 - ❖ We must kill sin in us.

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“Therefore, though the believer may struggle mightily with sin, he must never adopt a defeatist attitude in which he is resigned to accept the reality of sin in his life. To do so is to make peace with a dethroned enemy—to submit to sin’s dominion that has nevertheless been conquered.”

John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue, *Biblical Doctrine*, 634.

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“But the sin which resides in the believer and which he commits is of such a character that it deserves the wrath of God and the fatherly displeasure of God is evoked by this sin. Remaining, indwelling sin is therefore the contradiction of all that he is as a regenerate person and son of God. It is the contradiction of God himself, after whose image he has been recreated.”

John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*, 152–53.

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“I. They who are effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ’s death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them; the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified, and they more and more quickened and strengthened, in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”

Westminster Confession of Faith, XIII.

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“II. This sanctification is throughout in the whole man, yet imperfect in this life; there abideth still some remnants of corruption in every part, whence ariseth a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh.”

Westminster Confession of Faith, XIII.

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“III. In which war, although the remaining corruption for a time may much prevail, yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part doth overcome; and so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

Westminster Confession of Faith, XIII.

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“All this is true [i.e. dead to sin, united to Christ]. Yet at the same time we continue to be troubled by the presence of indwelling sin. Thus there is a kind of inner contradiction in the believer: Christ dwells in us and yet sin also continues to indwell us. So long as this is true we face an ongoing conflict. We need to learn how to deal with it.”

Sinclair Ferguson, *Devoted to God*, 139–40.

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“I. That the choicest believers, who are assuredly freed from the condemning power of sin, ought yet to make it their business all their days to mortify the indwelling power of sin. So the apostle, Col 3:5, “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth.” Whom speaks he to? Such as were “risen with Christ,” verse 1; such as were “dead” with him, verse 3; such as whose life Christ was, and who should “appear with him in glory, verse 4.”

John Owen, “The Mortification of Sin,” in *The Works of John Owen*, 6:9.

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Col 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. **3** For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. **5** Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

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- ❖ **3:1** “Therefore if . . .” (Εἰ οὖν συνηγέρθητε) First class conditional statement (assumed true).
- ❖ **3:3** “For you have died” (ἀπεθάνετε γὰρ) Explanation or reason for verse 2.
- ❖ **3:2** “Set your mind” the mind is crucial in sanctification.

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- ❖ “νεκρόω (νεκρός) . . . **to deaden or cause to cease completely, put to death** [figurative] [extension] of the primary [meaning] ‘to put an end to the life of something, to cause to be dead’” (BDAG, 668).
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“Do you mortify; do you make it your daily work; be always at it whilst you live; cease not a day from this work; be killing sin or it will be killing you. Your being dead with Christ virtually, your being quickened with him, will not excuse you from this work.”

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Col 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. **6** For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, **7** and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. **8** But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.

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Rom 8:12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — **13** for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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“and if this were the work and business of Paul, who was so incomparably exalted in grace, revelations, enjoyments, privileges, consolations, above the ordinary measure of believers, where may we possibly bottom an exemption from this work and duty whilst we are in this world?”

John Owen, “The Mortification of Sin,” in *The Works of John Owen*, 6:10.

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“So that sin is always acting, always conceiving, always seducing and tempting. Who can say that he had ever any thing to do with God or for God, that indwelling sin had not a hand in the corrupting of what he did? . . . There is not a day but sin foils or is foiled, prevails or is prevailed on; and it will be so whilst we live in this world.”

John Owen, “The Mortification of Sin,” in *The Works of John Owen*, 6:11.

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“Not to be daily mortifying sin, is to sin against the goodness, kindness, wisdom, grace, and love of God, who hath furnished us with a principle of doing it.”

John Owen, “The Mortification of Sin,” in *The Works of John Owen*, 6:13.

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“It is our duty to be “perfecting holiness in the fear of God,” 2 Cor 7:1; to be “growing in grace” every day, 1 Pet 2:2, 2 Pet 3:18; to be “renewing our inward man day by day,” 2 Cor 4:16. Now, this cannot be done without the daily mortifying of sin. Sin sets its strength against every act of holiness, and against every degree we grow to. Let not that man think he makes any progress in holiness who walks not over the bellies of his lusts.”

John Owen, “The Mortification of Sin,” in *The Works of John Owen*, 6:14.

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“Notwithstanding the meritorious mortification, if I may so speak, of all and every sin in the cross of Christ; notwithstanding the real foundation of universal mortification laid in our first conversion, by conviction of sin, humiliation for sin, and the implantation of a new principle opposite to it and destructive of it; — yet sin doth so remain, so act and work in the best of believers, whilst they live in this world, that the constant daily mortification of it is all their days incumbent on them.”

John Owen, “The Mortification of Sin,” in *The Works of John Owen*, 6:14.

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- ❖ There is a battle between the flesh in us and the Spirit.
- ❖ A fundamental change has happened but there is still clean-up needed.
- ❖ This ongoing 'clean-up' primarily involves our minds.
- ❖ Time and again in Scripture sanctification is linked with a renewal of our minds.

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The Renewal of Sanctification

Col 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. **3** For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is your spiritual service of worship.* **2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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1 Pet 2:1 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, **2** like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, **3** if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

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Col 3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices, **10** and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him —

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Phil 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; **13** for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

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- ❖ How is it that God is working *in* us to will for his good pleasure?
- ❖ How are our wills changed?
 - ❖ Our wills are controlled by our affections, loves, and values which are controlled by what we *think*.

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Phil 1:8 For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. **9** And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, **10** so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; **11** having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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Col 1:9 For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **10** so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously **12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

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Eph 4:20 But you did not learn Christ in this way, **21** if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, **22** that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accord with the lusts of deceit, **23** and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24** and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

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2 Cor 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. **18** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

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- ❖ There is a a renewal of our minds that happens in our growth which involves ‘putting off’ old ways of thinking and behaviour and ‘putting on’ who we really are in Christ.
- ❖ In Scripture ‘mind’ and ‘heart’ are closely related and sometime synonymous. ‘renewing our minds’ is more than merely some form of positive thinking. It involves an internal transformation.

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2 Cor 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. **18** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed [μεταμορφούμεθα] into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

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“And that word, ‘transformed,’ is *metamorphóō*, which is where we get the English term ‘metamorphosis.’ But as every Greek dictionary will tell you, this word doesn’t merely refer to the outward form. *Metamorphóō* describes the inner transformation of the essence of a person—an inward change in fundamental character.”

Michael Riccardi, *Sanctification*, 8.

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“sanctification is fundamentally a supernatural work of God done in the inner nature of man. Paul declares that God is at work in believers that they may not only work for his good pleasure but even will for his good pleasure (Phil 2:13). That is to say, God works for the believer to sanctify not merely his external actions but also his internal desires.”

John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue, *Biblical Doctrine*, 639.

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“... sanctification is not only, as before proved, a supernatural work, but also that it does not consist exclusively in a series of a new kind of acts. It is the making the tree good, in order that the fruit may be good. It involves an essential change of character.”

Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, 639.

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Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is your spiritual service of worship.* **2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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“There, our word ‘transformed’ is used in contrast with the term ‘conformed,’ which refers to a change in the outward behavior. So the contrast is clear. Paul is saying: Do not be conformed, outwardly, such that your behavior is indistinguishable from the world. Instead be *transformed*, from the inside out. And even here, we see that that transformation happens by the renewing of the *mind*—more internal language.”

Michael Riccardi, *Sanctification*, 9.

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“As regeneration is not an act of the subject of the work, but in the language of the Bible a new birth, a new creation, a quickening or communicating a new life, . . . so sanctification in its essential nature is not holy acts, but such a change in the state of the soul, that sinful acts become more infrequent, and holy acts more and more habitual and controlling. This view alone is consistent with the Scriptural representations, and with the account given in the Bible of the way in which this radical change of character is carried on and consummated.”

Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, 639.

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“Therefore, believers should not conceive of holiness as the reformation of external behaviors, in which people bend their wills to perform duties for which they have no Godward motive; rather, believers must recognize that sanctification consists fundamentally in the miraculous inward transformation of the affections.”

John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue, *Biblical Doctrine*, 639.

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“To use Hodge’s metaphor, it is not taking fruit and stapling it to the tree branch but is rather rooting the branch in the vine so that the fruit is borne by virtue of the believer’s vital union with the Lord Jesus Christ.”

John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue, *Biblical Doctrine*, 639.

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“While the holy person certainly does what God commands, he does so because he loves God and loves what God loves. Sanctification is the spiritual transformation of the mind and the affections that in turn redirects the will and the actions.”

John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue, *Biblical Doctrine*, 639.

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“If sanctification is fundamentally internal and supernatural, we need to realize that we cannot *directly* effect that internal transformation in ourselves.”

Michael Riccardi, *Sanctification*, 12.

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The Author of Sanctification

“Since sanctification is not fundamentally external but is rather an internal and supernatural work in the heart of man, its author must be God.

Consistent with this understanding, Paul states that ‘it is *God* who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure’ (Phil 2:13).”

John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue, *Biblical Doctrine*, 639.

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1 Thess 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, **21** equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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- ❖ Notice that God is the one who equips the believer to do His will. Fundamentally sanctification is God's work.
- ❖ Notice too that this work of equipping us to do his will is an internal work, *working in us* that which is pleasing.

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- ❖ Because sanctification is internal and therefore primarily God's work Scripture often uses the passive voice when speaking about sanctification.
- ❖ We are not called to transform ourselves but to *be transformed*.
- ❖ This does not mean that we have no part in the work (more on this next week).

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- ❖ Col 3:10 [we] have put on the new self who is *being* renewed . . .
- ❖ Rom 12:2 do not be conformed to this world, but *be* transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- ❖ 2 Cor 3:18 we all . . . are *being* transformed.

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“It consists fundamentally and primarily in a divine operation in the soul, whereby the holy disposition born in regeneration is strengthened and its holy exercised are increased. It is essentially the work of God, though in so far as He employs means, man can and is expected to co-operate by the proper use of these means.”

Louis Berkof, *Systematic Theology*, 532.

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“Scripture clearly exhibits the supernatural character of sanctification in several ways. It describes it as a work of God, 1 Thess 5:23; Heb 13:20–21, as a fruit of the union of life with Jesus Christ, John 15:4; Gal 2:20; 4:19, as a work that is wrought in man from within and which for that very reason cannot be a work of man, Eph 3:16; Col 1:11, and speaks of its manifestation in Christian virtues as the work of the Spirit, Gal 5:22.”

Louis Berkof, *Systematic Theology*, 532–33.

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“It should never be represented as a merely natural process in the spiritual development of man, nor brought down to the level of a mere human achievement, as is done in a great deal of modern liberal theology.”

Louis Berkof, *Systematic Theology*, 533.

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“More specifically, Scripture identifies the Holy Spirit as the member of the God-head who is the divine agent of sanctification. Peter speaks of ‘the sanctification of the Spirit’ (1 Pet 1:2). The is the Spirit of holiness’ (Rom 1:4) who wages war directly against the desires of the flesh (Gal 5:17), while those virtues that constitutes a character of holiness and integrity are said to be the Spirit’s fruit (Gal 5:22–23). It is no surprise, then, that Paul says the believers transformation into the image of Christ ‘comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Cor 3:18).”

John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue, *Biblical Doctrine*, 640.

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“We must not relegate sanctification to the realm of the subconscious and fail to recognize that sanctification draws within its orbit the whole field of conscious activity on our part, yet we must also appreciate the fact that there is an agency on the part of the Holy Spirit that far surpasses analysis or introspection on our part.”

John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*, 155.

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“It is imperative that we realize our complete dependence upon the Holy Spirit. We must not forget, of course, that our activity is enlisted to the fullest extent in the process of sanctification. But we must not rely upon our own strength of resolution or purpose.”

John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*, 156.

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“Thus, while believers cannot directly effect the inner transformation of sanctification for their souls and while sanctification is properly said to be the Spirit’s work, believers are not entirely passive in sanctification. Instead, the Holy Spirit effects his sanctifying transformation in the hearts of believers through the use of means that must be appropriated.”

John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue, *Biblical Doctrine*, 641.

