

The Holy Spirit

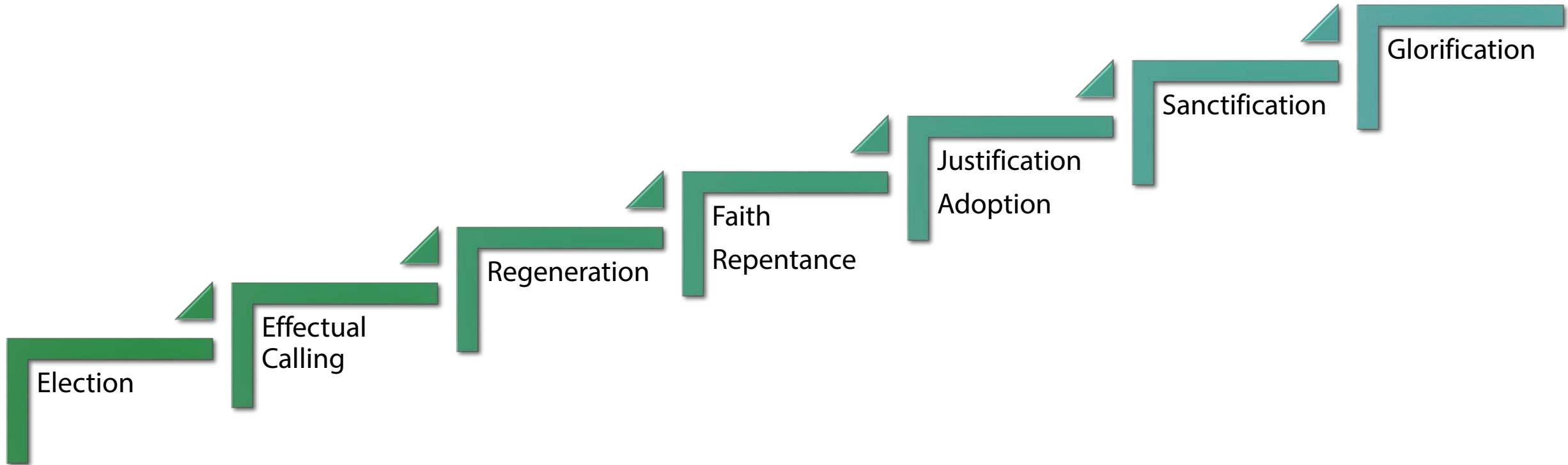
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Holy Spirit & Sanctification

WEEK 8 – PART 2

Review: Order of Salvation



Review: 1 Thess. 5:23-24

- **God is the Author of sanctification**
- **Sanctification brings peace with God**
- **It is thorough/whole (all parts)**
- **It is complete (God will perform)**

Review: Duty of Holiness

NOT REQUIRED

- Nothing required for Atonement
- Nothing required for future justification
- Nothing required for merit

REQUIRED

- Our conscience be aware of God's authority
- Know the reasonableness of the duty
- Love and delight in the duty

Review: Promises of Holiness

Should remind us:

- ❖ Of our sense of inability
- ❖ To adore the grace of God
- ❖ To act in faith

Nature of Sanctification

Generally Sanctification is:

- The work of the Spirit in us
- A real and internal work
- Not a mere persuasion to holiness
- An enablement by God

Differs from Regeneration

- Regeneration is *instantaneous*, not capable of *degrees*
- Sanctification is *progressive*, capable of *degrees*
- Increase in sanctification is *required* – **2 Peter 3:17-18**



Holiness is like a Seed



Increasing and strengthening graces of holiness already received

Adding occasional graces onto each other

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INCREASING GRACES

1. Working an *immediate* and *actual* increase of graces in us
2. Supplying us with *experience* of truth and *reality* of beliefs
3. Exciting them to *frequent* actings

ADDING GRACES

1. Providence is an aid
2. Reminds us of our duty
3. Sets needful graces to work

Immediate and actual increase

Ephesians 3:16-17

Colossians 1:10-11

Isaiah 40:29

Psalms 138:8



Experience of truth

Isaiah 40:27-28

2 Corinthians 1:4

Romans 12:2

Colossians 2:2



Frequent actings

Objectively, by
proposing objects
suitable to us

- Ordinances of worship
- Chiefly preaching

Subjectively, internally

- Graces are called “fruits of the Spirit” in their exercise



Adding Graces

Providence an aid we must lay hold of

He reminds us of our duty

He sets graces to work

2 Peter 1:3-7

Necessity of the Spirit's work

NO MAN SO WEAK

Isaiah 35:3

Hebrews 12:2

Isaiah 42:3

NO MAN SO STRONG

Romans 11:20

John 15:5

Progressive Sanctification

Sanctification is Progressive

“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)

Sanctification is Progressive

The Work

- Nature = immediate
- Cause = of the Spirit of God
- Object = souls of believers

Context

- The new covenant
- Life and death of Christ
- Fruit: obedience unto God according to the terms of the new covenant (*cf.* 1 Cor. 5:17)

Sanctification is Progressive

Negative (Put off)

- Action = purifying/cleansing
- Object = their natures
- Symptoms = pollutions/uncleanness
- Root = sin

Positive (Put on)

- Action = renewing/enabling
- Object = the image of God/obedience
- Symptoms = spiritual and habitual principle
- Root = grace

Examples of Progressive Nature



Practical Action: Mortification of Sin

It Begins with FAITH!

Without faith, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6)

Christ affirms a man is sanctified by faith in him (Acts 26:18)

Faith is the instrumental cause of our sanctification. No faith = no sanctification

Killing Sin: described in two ways

Mortify (put to death)

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (Colossians 3:5)

Crucify

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Galatians 5:24)



Object of Mortification

- Root and principle of sin
- Inclination and operation of sin
- Effects or fruits of sin

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.
(Romans 6:6)

Galatians 5:16-24 The War

Constant taking part
of the grace of the
Spirit

Constant fighting
against the flesh

- Sin's power must be destroyed
- The contest is violent
- The end aimed at is destruction of sin

Mortification is:

- Painful (Matt. 5:29-30)
- Found in the blood of Christ (Rom. 8:1)
- The work of the Spirit (Rom. 8:11-13)

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NEXT WEEK: The Holy Spirit and the Word of
God: Inspiration

Pastor Rankin teaching