

**Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**Adult CE – Spring 2017**  
**Redemption Accomplished and Applied by John Murray**  
**Class #8 – Sanctification**

1. Introduction –

*Mark 4:30-32 And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it?"<sup>31</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth,<sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."*

2. Sanctification

a. The Concern – The elimination of sin and conforming us to the image of Christ

i. Once for all definitive Act      1 Cor 6:11      Ro 6:1-2

ii. Progressive Work      Phil 3:12-14

iii. Complete at the resurrection      Phil 3:20-21

b. Agent – Holy Spirit

i. We are Dependent      2 Thes 2:13      1 Thes 5:23

ii. The Spirit exalts Christ

1. Spirit of Christ      2 Cor 3:17-18

2. The Spirit reveals Christ      John 16:14-15

iii. Its work is mysterious      John 3:8

c. Means – Conscious life of the believer. Phil 2:12-13 2 Peter 1:5-8

3. How to think biblically about sanctification in the presence of sin and weakness.

a. Call to true holiness	Hebrews 12:14	1 Cor 6:9-10
b. Imperfect in the life	WCF 13.2	Ro 7:23
c. Tension	Hebrews 12:14	Phil 3:12-14

WCF 13

THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ARE SANTIFIED

I. They, who are once 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.

IMPERFECT IN THIS LIFE - BATTLE

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

THE REGENERATE PART DOES PREVAIL WITH GROWTH TOWARDS GLORY

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 does overcome; and so, the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.