

4. Progressive subjection sanctification is effected by the agency of the indwelling Spirit of Christ

- a. The Holy Spirit mortifies the evil elements in us, as we live more and more under His control

Galatians 5:16-21 -- "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousings, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Romans 8:12-13 -- "So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh -- 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."

- b. The Holy Spirit quickens the good elements in us, as we live more and more under His control

Galatians 5:16, 22-25 -- "But I say, walk by the Spirit . . . But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit."

5. Progressive sanctification is effected by means of the Word of God

John 17:17 -- "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth."

Psalms 19:7-11 -- "The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by the Thy servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward."

Psalms 119: 9, 11, 104 -- "How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy word . . . Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee. . . From Thy precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way."