

liberty and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does."

Galatians 5:13-14 -- "For you were called to freedom, brethren, only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

What is the effect of obedient faith or disobedient unbelief on the progress of sanctification?

The effect of obedient faith in the spirit (under the grace principle) is that the good elements of our moral nature are quickened and strengthened; our intellect, will, emotions, and conscience are quickened and purified; and the evil elements of our moral nature are weakened, mortified, further put to death, and yet never entirely in this life.

The effect of disobedient unbelief or obedience in the flesh (under the law principle) is that the evil elements of our moral nature are quickened and strengthened; our intellect, will, emotions, and conscience are further corrupted; and the good elements of our moral nature are weakened and mortified, yet never entirely in this life.

7. Subjective sanctification culminates in perfection

a. The scriptural teaching

(1) Subjective sanctification is never complete or entire in this life

I Corinthians 6:9-11 -- "Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the spirit of our God."

Paul says to the Corinthians, "but you were sanctified." Yet in 3:3 he says, "For you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?"

II Corinthians 1:1 -- "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia:"

Paul calls the Corinthian believers "saints". Yet in 7:1 he writes: "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."