

Systematic Theology session 61
Redeemed, Part 30

- The *ordo salutis* (order of salvation):
 - 0: Election
 - 1a: Effectual call
 - 1b: Regeneration
 - 2a: Repentance unto life
 - 2b: Faith in Jesus Christ
 - 3a: Justification
 - 3b: Definitive sanctification
 - 3c: Adoption
 - 4a: Progressive sanctification
 - 4b: Perseverance in holiness
- The definition of progressive sanctification from the Westminster Shorter Catechism: “Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.”
- God’s project of progressive sanctification as having a goal, a process, and resources.
 - The goal as being Christlikeness, “that which is pleasing in His sight” (Hebrews 13:20-21).
 - The resources as being God’s equipping and working (Hebrews 13:20-21).
 - The process as taking place by dual agency: God the Holy Spirit is working, and we come alongside and work (Romans 8:13-14).
 - Agent: a person who acts to produce a result.
 - The Holy Spirit as the leading agent of progressive sanctification, providing power and direction.
 - God’s investment in the process means the process will not fail (Hebrews 13:20-21).
 - Thomas Watson: “Sanctification is a supernatural thing; it is divinely infused. We are naturally polluted, and to cleanse, God takes to be His prerogative. Weeds grow of themselves, flowers are planted. Sanctification is a flower of the Spirit’s planting.”
 - John Murray: “God works in us and we also work. But the relation is that because God works we work. All working out of salvation on our part is the effect of God’s working in us.”
 - Our coming alongside the Holy Spirit should be marked by zeal (Galatians 5:16-17).
- The good works that arise from progressive sanctification do not earn salvation, but are fruit and evidence of what we are in Christ, and an expression of gratitude to God.
 - Sanctification and resulting good works as fruit of what God has done (John 15:1-8).
 - Sanctification and resulting good works as evidence of what God has done (James 2:14-18).
 - Sanctification and resulting good works as gratitude for what God has done.
 - The presenting of our bodies as living sacrifices as being the only reasonable response to what God has given (Romans 12:1-2; Psalm 116:3-6, Psalm 116:12; Psalm 116:16-19).
- The fact that progressive sanctification is inseparable from the previous steps in the *ordo salutis*.
- Our attitude that we must press the battle against sin, but at the same time, not be discouraged (1 Peter 2:11).