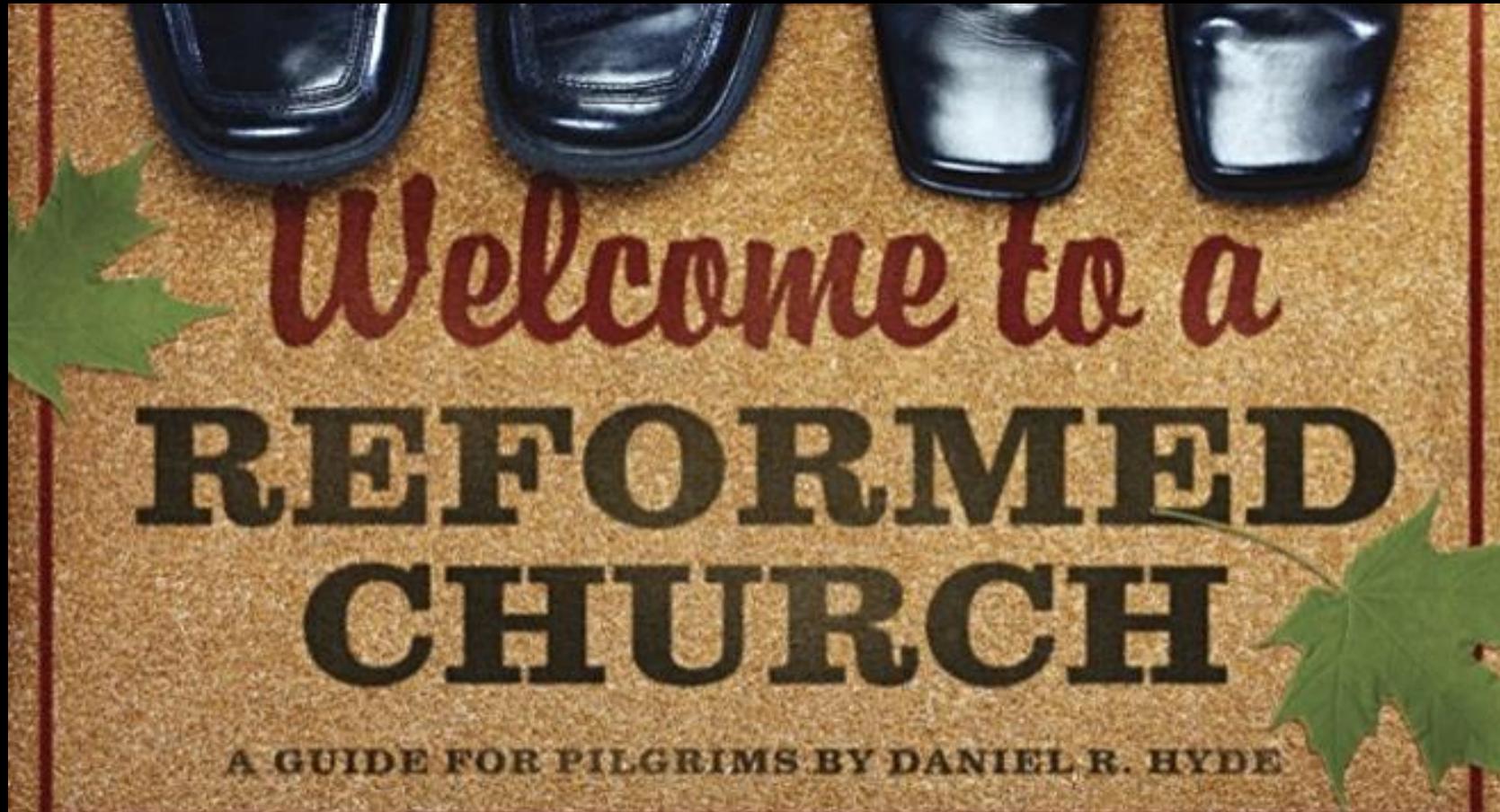


Welcome to a Reformed Church

A Guide For Pilgrims

Ch. 6: Sanctification and The Christian Life



2 Types of Sanctification:

Definitive Sanctification

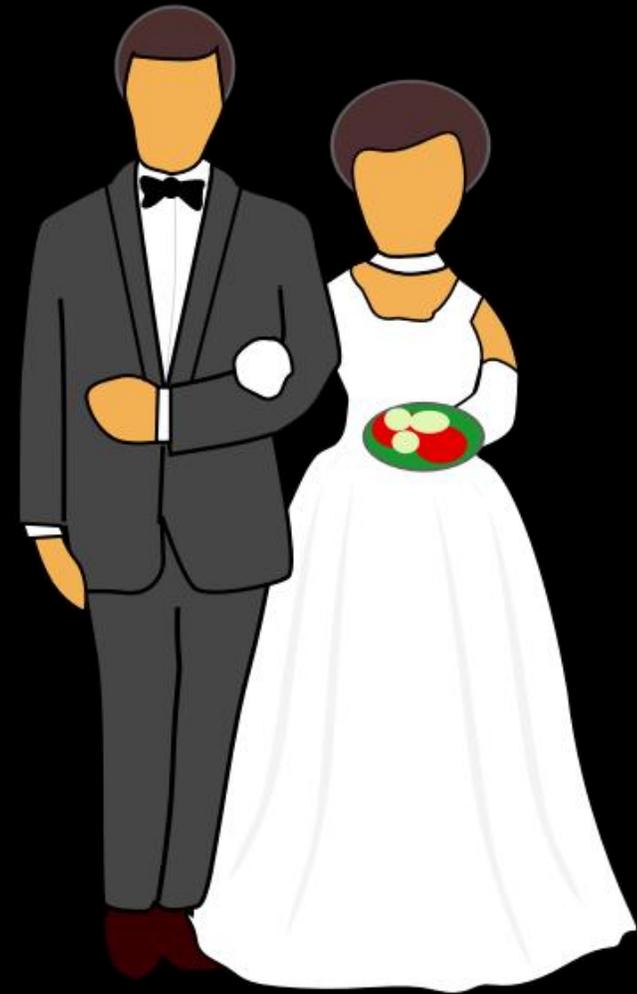
vs.

Progressive Sanctification

Definitive Sanctification >>>>>> leads to Progressive Sanctification:

Definitive or Positional Sanctification
involves a change in *status*

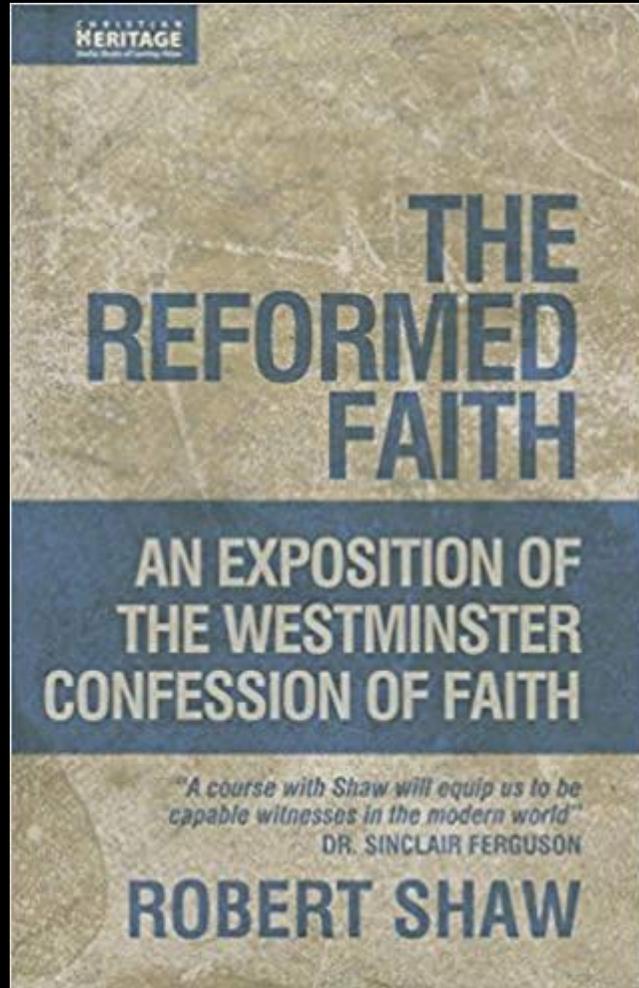
- 1 Corinthians 1:2
- 1 Corinthians 6:11
- Ephesians 5:25-26



Progressive Sanctification:

WCF Q. 35: "Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness."

“Justification is a relative change of state; sanctification is a real change of the whole man, soul, and body.” – Robert Shaw



Shaw explains how Justification and Sanctification differ in 4 ways:

1. Order
2. Matter
3. Form
4. Properties

Progressive Sanctification



Matthew 7:17-20



The Law & Sanctification:

“The law no longer condemns us or enslaves us (as Christians); instead, it serves as a guide to lead us in a life of holiness before the Lord.” - Hyde

1. Moral Laws: Refers to everything God is and who we are to be. (10 commandments)
2. Ceremonial Laws: Sections of scripture that teach us about truth for God’s people, ultimately leading people to Christ. (Religious Feast Days in OT)
3. Judicial Laws: Punishments given to those who violated and transgressed the law.

Practical Sanctification

I. Pursuing the Trinitarian Godlikeness:

-Joel Beeke

1. Imitating the Character of God the Father (*1 Peter 1:14-16*)
2. Conforming to the image of the second person of the Godhead, Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 2:5-8*)
3. Submitting to the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit (*Romans 8:5-6*)

Practical Sanctification

II. Mortifying Sin:

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“Puritans used the word mortification to describe the discipline of watching and praying against sinful habits in such a way that, whenever a bad impulse arises, you immediately recognize what is happening and ask the Lord for strength to refuse it. You ask Him to drain the life of that impulse in you.” – Joel Beeke



Psalm 1



Practical Sanctification

III. Aspire to do God's Will:

-Joel Beeke

Vivification:

Being quickened within to actively do the will of God.



Practical Sanctification

IV. Pursue the Ordinary Means of Grace

-Joel Beeke

➤ *Prayer*

➤ *Word*

➤ *Sacraments*



The Litmus Test for the Christian Life

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

-Philippians 4:8



What should our attitude be toward Sanctification?

- Perseverance
(Hebrews 12:1)
- Joy (Hebrews 12:2)
- Gratitude (Psalm 9:1;
Heidelberg
Catechism, section 3)



It is the will of our Lord that you grow
in your SANCTIFICATION!

*“For this is the will of God, your
sanctification...” -1 Thess. 4:2*



*“and those whom He
predestined, He also called;
and those whom He
justified, He also glorified.
What then shall we say to
these things? If God is for us,
who can be against us?”*

-Romans 8:30-31