

### THE LORD'S PRAYER: LUKE 11:1-4

It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. 'Give us this day our daily bread. 'And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.' "

### THE LORD'S PRAYER: THEMES

'Father, hallowed be Your name..... WORSHIP  
Your kingdom come..... SURRENDER  
'Give us this day our daily bread.....TRUST & DEPENDENCE  
'And forgive us our sins,.....CONFESSION  
For we ourselves also forgive  
everyone who is indebted to us....RELATIONAL LIVING  
And lead us not into temptation.'..... CONCERN FOR PURITY

### GOD'S RESPONSE TO SIN-THE SHORT ANSWER



### GOD'S RESPONSE TO SIN - A LONGER ANSWER

#### JUSTIFICATION

THE REMOVAL OF THE PENALTY FOR SIN

#### SANCTIFICATION

THE REMOVAL OF THE POWER OF SIN

#### GLORIFICATION

THE REMOVAL OF THE PRESENCE OF SIN

### THE POSITION OF THE UNSAVED BEFORE JUSTIFICATION

1. Spiritually dead in trespasses and sins...Ephesians 2:1
2. Under the wrath of God...Romans 1:18
3. Blinded by Satan...2 Corinthians 4:4
4. Slaves to sin...Romans 6:17
5. Unable to please God...Romans 8:8
6. Unable to understand spiritual truth...1 Corinthians 2:14
7. Enemy of God...Romans 8:7
8. Sons of disobedience....Ephesians 2:2

### WHAT PROVIDES US THE FREEDOM TO CONFESS SIN DAILY WITHOUT DESPAIR OR MORBID INTROSPECTION?

#### JUSTIFICATION

Romans 5:1...Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,...

Romans 5:9-10...Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 5:18-19...So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

WHAT PROVIDES US THE FREEDOM TO CONFESS OUR SIN DAILY WITHOUT DESPAIR OR MORBID INTROSPECTION?

**JUSTIFICATION**

1. Justification is the instantaneous, moment-in-time, irreversible declaration of **NOT GUILTY** issued on behalf of all true believers by the holy God. "just as if I had never sinned"
2. Justification results in the complete forgiveness and erasure of all sins...past, present and future.
3. Justification is based wholly and entirely on the decision of a person to place their faith for salvation in the sacrificial, substitutionary, death of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary and the surrender to His Lordship.
4. Justification is permanent and eternal...can never be undone, diminished or changed in any way.

**JUSTIFICATION TRUTHS (CONT.)**

5. Justification is not earned to any degree...it is totally by the grace of God.
6. Justification is granted to the same degree to every person no matter their station in life or their level of Bible knowledge or their level of involvement in a local body of believers.
7. Justification affects a person's position and standing in relationship with God. This position or standing can never be improved on or degraded to any degree.
8. Justification involves God instantly crediting to the account of the believer all of the righteous deeds of His sinless Son, Jesus Christ.
9. Justification immediately and permanently opens wide the door to all the other effects of genuine saving faith.

**JUSTIFICATION: WHAT IT DOES NOT MEAN**

1. Justification does not change the condition of the believer's evil heart.
2. Justification does not result in the immediate reduction of practical sin. This may occur, but that would be due to the indwelling Holy Spirit and the quickened spirit (made possible by justification)
3. Justification does not change God's attitude toward sin in the believer's life. He hates the sins we commit after being justified just as much as the ones we committed before justification.
4. Justification does not impart a special ability to resist temptation to sin. This also is the result of the indwelling Holy Spirit and the believer's quickened spirit.

**JUSTIFICATION: FINAL THOUGHTS**

Because of our sin nature and the lies of Satan, we will be vulnerable to believe that our current sins have a negative impact on OUR POSITION. While our current sins can disrupt our "FELLOWSHIP" with the Lord, they have no effect whatsoever on our position. The result can be a hesitancy to be totally honest and transparent with God about our sin. (like He doesn't already know) It is a delicate balance between basking in the wonder of justification and hating/confessing current sin. The 2 unbiblical responses to justification are 1. not caring enough about sin and 2. despair (living under a cloud of shame and guilt)

**SANCTIFICATION**

Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.....Hebrews 12:14

For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness,...so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification...Romans 6:19

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;...1 Thessalonians 4:3

For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.....1 Thessalonians 4:7

**SANCTIFICATION**

Sanctification is the process of God CHANGING OUR PRACTICE so that we sin less and less until we are finally glorified in the next life.

Sanctification is being conformed to the image of Christ.

Justification affects our position – Sanctification affects our practice Whereas justification is never-changing, sanctification is a life long journey of ups and downs, victories and failures, with varying levels of motivation and determination.

Whereas justification is entirely a work of God based on our faith response to the gospel, sanctification depends on a partnership between God and us...we can enhance or hinder the process, but the Lord never stops working to change us.

### JUSTIFICATION VS. SANCTIFICATION (Romans 7)

For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind;

WRETCHED MAN THAT I AM! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

### WHAT SHOULD MAKE UP THE CONTENT OF OUR DAILY CONFESSION?

#### ACTUAL, KNOWN SIN REGARDLESS OF HOW OLD

1 John 1:8-10... If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

REMEMBER THE STANDARD IS PERFECTION

1 Peter 1:14-16...As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, BE HOLY YOURSELVES IN ALL YOUR BEHAVIOR; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

BECAUSE OF JUSTIFICATION, WE ARE POSITIONALLY PERFECT, BUT PRACTICALLY WE STILL SIN DAILY IN OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS AND DEEDS.

### WHAT SHOULD MAKE UP THE CONTENT OF OUR DAILY CONFESSION?

Psalm 139:23-24....Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

WORRY LACK OF JOY UNKIND WORDS & THOUGHTS ROAD ANGER  
GRUMBLING/COMPLAINING IRRITABILITY EASILY OFFENDED  
NEGATIVITY PESSIMISM ENVY NOT HATING YOUR SIN  
JUDGMENTAL OR CRITICAL THOUGHTS OF OTHERS FAITHLESS FEAR  
THINKING TOO HIGHLY OF SELF; abilities; achievements; knowledge; looks  
SECRET PLEASURE AT OTHER'S MISFORTUNES IMPATIENCE  
LACK OF OVERFLOWING GRATITUDE; UNFORGIVENESS  
FAILURE TO RECOUNT GOD'S GOODNESS NOT ATTENTIVE TO WITNESSING  
(PRIDE/SELFISHNESS: THE ROOT OF ALL SIN)

### WHAT SHOULD MAKE UP THE CONTENT OF OUR CONFESSION?

Hebrews 12:1....Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,...

#### ENTANGLING OR BESETTING SINS

These words indicate certain sin patterns that are ingrained from a very young age that a person is more vulnerable to. Every believer has individual struggles that plague them their whole life. This doesn't mean that victory is unattainable or that significant growth is impossible. This represents a "proneness" or "bent" to particular sins. Could be anything.