



EXPLORE

WALKING WITH JESUS & HIS CHURCH

“Justification/Sanctification”

PHASE	TIME	REFERS TO	MEANING	MY RESPONSIBILITY
Justification	Past	<i>My position in Christ</i>	I am saved from the penalty of sin (Rom. 5:1-9, 17; 8:1, 29-30; 1 Cor. 6:11)	To receive the gift of God's grace by empty-handed, repentant faith, having been regenerated by the Holy Spirit alone (John 3; Rom. 5:1)
Sanctification	Present	<i>My condition of becoming like Christ</i>	I am being saved from the power of sin (Rom. 6, Titus 2:11-14)	To daily die to sin and live to righteousness, applying all diligence in my faith by disciplining three areas of my life: thoughts of my mind, lusts of my heart, and habits of my life (1 Pet. 1:13-16; 2:1-3)
Glorification	Future	<i>My expectation of being like Christ</i>	I will be saved from the presence of sin (Phil. 1:6; 1 Thess. 5:23; 1 John 3:1-3; Rev. 21:4; 22:14-15)	To persevere in hope and holiness (James 1:12; 1 John 2:28)

JUSTIFICATION

Justification is the biblical teaching about how believers are declared to be right before God even though they are not actually righteous in themselves. Justification is the act by which God moves a willing person from the state of sin (injustice) to the state of grace (Justice). It is God who justifies (Rom. 3: 30). We are justified by God's grace, by our faith, and by Christ's blood (Rom. 3: 24, 28; 5:9).

Scripture Verses:

- Romans 3:20–31
- Galatians 2:15–17
- Romans 5:1–10
- Titus 3:4–7
- Romans 8:30–34
- James 2:14–26

Study Questions:

What is Justification? (Romans 3:24,27)

How is fallen mankind made righteous (justified) in the eyes of a holy God?

What does it mean for you to be made right with God? (Romans 4:6–8)

What does Paul mean when he says “when we were yet sinners, Christ died for our sins?”

What member of the trinity are present during the justification process? (1 Corinthians 6:11)

What law makes New Testament believers “free from the law of sin and death”? (Romans 8:2)

What could the law not do? (Romans 8:3-4)

What is fulfilled in the life of the born again, Spirit-led New Testament follower of Christ? (Romans 3:31; 8:3-4)

SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is being set apart from the sinful and secular life to be used for the holy purposes of God & devoting anything to the worship or service of God

In Christian theology, a distinction is sometimes made between justification and sanctification where justification refers to having saving faith and sanctification refers to the process of gradual purification from sin and progressive spiritual growth that should mark the life of the believer.

Scripture Verses:

- **Leviticus 11:44–45**
- **Romans 12:1–2**
- **1 Corinthians 6:11**
- **1 Thessalonians 4:3–8**
- **1 Peter 1:1–2**

Study Questions:

What does it mean to be sanctified?

Talk about how you are set apart for God and not set aside.

How does Sanctification differ from Justification?

Are good works necessary for salvation/ eternal life? (Ephesians 2:8–9; Acts 2:38)

How Do We Die to Sin? Ephesians 2:1; (Romans 6:3–4; 7:19–20)

How Do We Grow in Likeness to Christ? (Philippians 1:6; Romans 12:1–2)

Will We Ever Reach Perfection in This Lifetime? (Ephesians 3:8; 1 Timothy 1:15)

What Will Glorification Be Like?

(1 Corinthians 15:42–53; Revelation 3:4–5, 18; Luke 24:39–40; Matthew 17:2–3)

PRAY
