

**Romans: The Power of the Gospel**  
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**Romans 6**

Justification      Sanctification      Glorification

Sanctification means, "The state of proper functioning."

The Greek word is hagios which we translate - HOLY.

*"..the gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Spirit by which He delivers the justified sinner from the pollution of sin, renews his nature in the image of God, and enables him to perform good works."*

Justification is an act. Sanctification is a process.

Justification is a moment in time transaction. Sanctification is a lifelong journey.

In Justification, God declares you to be a righteous person.

In Sanctification, God develops you into a righteous person.

1. **We are to be dead to the power of sin.**

Paul is not saying that it is impossible to sin as a believer – but that it is morally incongruous to sin.

True freedom is not the ability to do as we want, but the ability to do as we ought!

Therefore, my action of not sinning comes NOT from the fear of what God will do TO me. My life of obedience is in response to what God has done FOR me.

2. You belong to the power you choose to obey.

2 Powers:

- Sin
- Obedience

When you choose the power of sin - you are a slave to sin and death is the paycheck.

When you choose the power of obedience - you become a slave to obedience and the paycheck is righteousness.

You cannot be employed by both simultaneously.

3. We must live to match our practice with our position.

We offer every aspect of our lives as instruments of righteousness.

The parts of our body can be used for ruin or righteousness.

