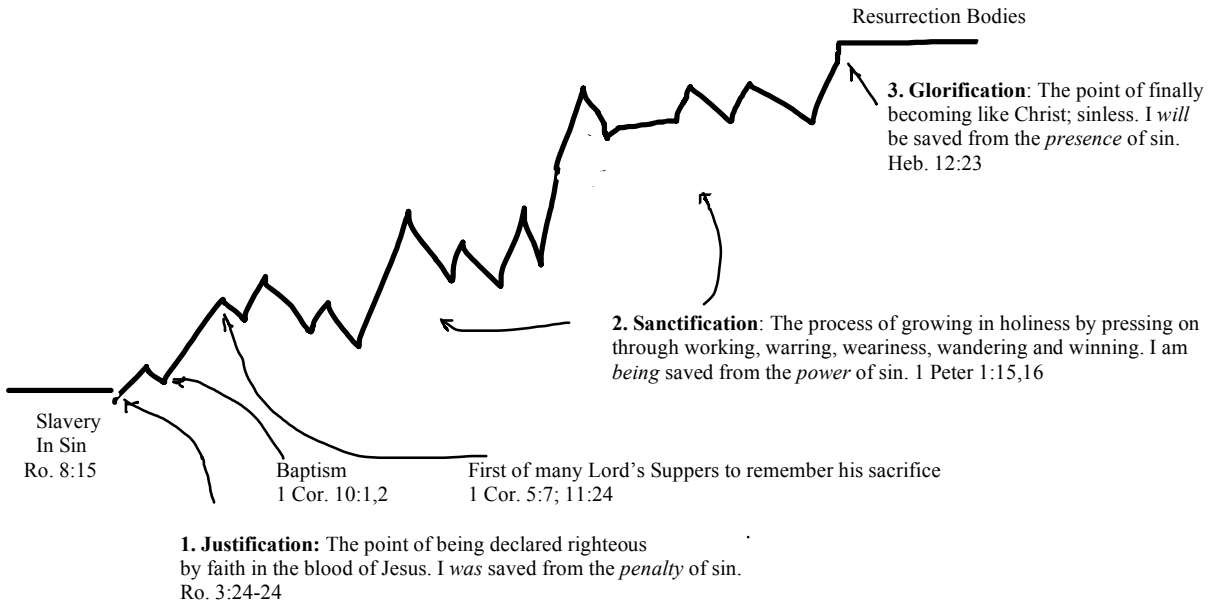


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The Christian Life



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1. Jesus is one person with two natures.
 - 1.1 Divine nature: Jesus was, is, and will always be fully and completely God possessing all the attributes of God.
 - 1.2 Human nature: Jesus was, is, and will always be fully and completely human, possessing all the attributes of humanity, except sin (*ergo*, sin is not a necessary attribute of humanity).
 - 1.3 Jesus has always possessed the divine nature and always will. In the incarnation, he added the human nature to his divine nature and forever these two natures will be joined in him, and him alone. The union of the divine and human natures in one person is called the *hypostatic union*.
 - 1.4 Heb. 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
2. In his human nature, Jesus is the perfect model of holiness (the communicable traits of God) for us to imitate. *But we will never be able to imitate or attain the incommunicable traits of God! There has never been, and there will never be, anyone like Jesus!*
 - 2.1 Rom. 8:29,30 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

- 2.2 2Cor. 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.
- 2.3 1Cor. 11:1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.
- 2.4 Phil. 2:5 ^oHave this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,^l
- 2.5 Phil. 2:6 ^pwho, though he was in ^tthe form of God, did not count equality with God ^ra thing to be grasped,²
- 2.6 Phil. 2:7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
- 2.7 Luke 9:23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.
- 2.8 1Jn 3:2 Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Character + Competence = Credibility

The Character of Jesus Who Jesus Is	The Competence of Jesus What Jesus Does
1. Verbal integrity: Jesus kept his promises and spoke the truth in love every time (Jn. 8:46; 14:6)	1. Private Prayer: Jesus often slipped away to be alone with the Father and pray (Lk. 5:16).
2. Sexual fidelity: Jesus abstained from all sexual immorality and treated women with respect (Mk 7:21; Jn. 4:27).	2. Public Prayer: Jesus often prayed for and with his disciples (Luke 11:1).
3. Financial accountability: Jesus avoided luxury and extravagance, trusting his Father for provision (Lk. 9:58).	3. Knowing the Word: Jesus recalled memorized Scripture to fit the circumstances (Mt. 4:4).
4. Emotional stability: Jesus exercised self-control over real emotions (Mk. 3:5)	4. Explaining the Word: Jesus opened up Scripture so others could understand its meaning (Mt. 12:23; Lk. 24:27)
5. Holy anger: Jesus was angry at sin, but anger did not lead to sin (Mk. 3:5).	5. Applying the Word: Jesus skillfully connected Biblical truth to everyday life (Mt. 5:34; Lk. 15:4).
6. Humility: Jesus used his power to serve others and not himself (Mk. 10:45).	6. Defending the Word: Jesus did not back down from false teachers but argued them into silence (Mt. 22:15f).
7. Compassion: While tough on the proud, Jesus was tender toward the lowly (Mk. 6:34).	7. Fellowship: Jesus surrounded himself with people who would listen, pray for, protect, and encourage him (Lk. 9:28).
8. Impartiality: Jesus showed no fear or favor to the powerful, prominent, and popular (Lk. 13:32; Jn. 19:11).	8. Disciplemaking: Jesus effectively and strategically recruited, trained, and released disciples in a ministry of multiplication, and left a legacy (Mt. 28:18–20).
9. Motivation: Jesus was motivated by his love for the Father and us (Jn. 14:31; Jn. 15:13).	