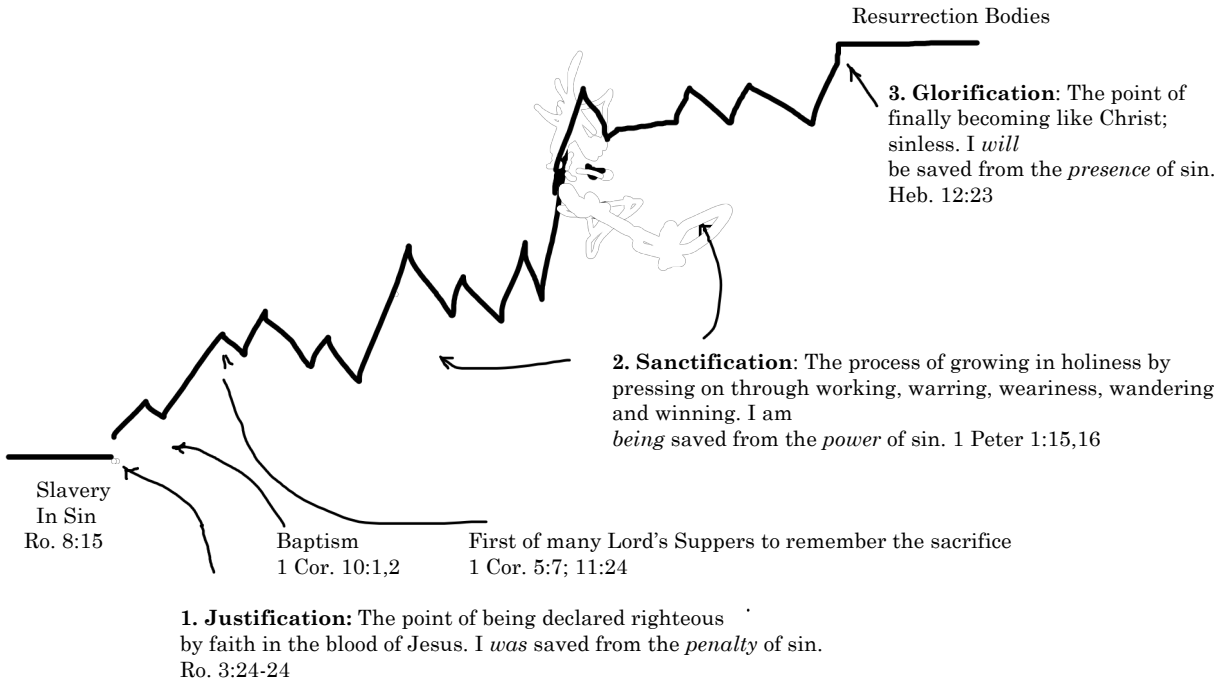


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1. Cultural holiness vs. True holiness:
 - 1.1 Cultural holiness: Adapt to the character and behavior of professing Christians around us.
 - 1.2 True holiness: Adapt to the character and behavior of God.
2. Incommunicable attributes vs. Communicable attributes:
 - 2.1 Incommunicable attributes: Those character and behavior traits of God that we cannot adapt to because they belong only to God: eternal, infinite, independent, unique (one and only), immutable (unchanging), omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence, absolute sovereignty.
 - 2.2 Communicable attributes: Those character and behavior traits of God that we can adapt to because God shares these with his people who reflect his image: holiness, wisdom, mercy, righteousness, justice, wrath, grace, truthfulness, love, joy, peace (order), patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
3. Growing in holiness (progressive sanctification) means that these communicable attributes become more and more manifest in our lives over time.
4. Eight Reasons to Be Holy In 1 Peter 1:13–25:
 - 4.1. Because when Jesus returns your struggle will be over (13).
 - 4.2. Because unholy living is willful disobedience (14).
 - 4.3. Because the God who has called you is holy (15,16).
 - 4.4. Because of the rational fear of your Father's discipline (17-18)
 - 4.5. Because unholiness is stupid (18).
 - 4.6. Because Jesus came, died, was buried, and raised to make you holy (19–21).
 - 4.7. Because your holiness is an act of love toward other people (22).
 - 4.8. Because you were born again (regenerated) to start growing in holiness (23).