

- F. Galatians 5:16-25
- G. 1 John 3:7-10; 5:3
- H. Psalm 119:97, 103, 104
- I. 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:23
- J. Philippians 2:12, 13: "So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **Work Out** your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good **Pleasure**."



The followers of Christ are to become like Him—by the grace of God to form characters in harmony with the principles of His holy law. This is Bible sanctification. This work can be accomplished only through faith in Christ, by the power of the indwelling Spirit of God...The Scriptures plainly show that the work of sanctification is progressive. When in conversion the sinner finds peace with God through the blood of the atonement, the Christian life has begun. Now he is to 'go on unto perfection;' to grow up 'unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.'"

Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, pp. 469, 470



III. A Dynamic Process

Justification and Sanctification are heaven's saving gift to mankind. Both are dynamic, occurring simultaneously in life. Here's how it works:



"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"
(Luke 18:13, 14)

JUSTIFICATION

A sinner's plea for forgiveness, by faith, moves God and by His grace He pardons and immediately **DECLARES** the sinner as justified; God **accredits** Jesus' righteousness for the sinner (even though the sinner may still feel awful at times). YAY!!!



"Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."
(Matthew 6:10)

SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is growth in Jesus. In a living relationship, the sinner desires to please and obey Jesus. God **DELEGATES** the Spirit and **activates** righteousness in the believer. This growth is victory, trial and error, but God's grace is on hand. YAY!!!

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A NEW YOU

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It is impossible to change or free ourselves, by our own power, from our sinful state. We must be rescued and renewed by God, through a relationship with Christ, facilitated by the Holy Spirit. The terms “justification” and “sanctification” are important NT words that elucidate our Christian experience. The Holy Spirit’s role is crucial in this arena.

I. Justification in Jesus

New Birth in the Holy Spirit and Justification

- A. John 3:3-8: the only way to be a part of God’s kingdom is to be **Born Again** of the Spirit (see also Eze. 36:25-28; 1 John 5:1). The Greek word for “again” is *anōthen*, meaning “above.” Born again means heaven gives this new birth.
- B. Isa. 44:3, 4; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 3:2, 3; 1 Peter 1:22, 23; 1 John 5:4, 18: the new birth is supernatural, from above.
- C. Titus 3:5-7: saved by God’s mercy, washed and renewed in the Holy Spirit, justified by God’s grace.
- D. 1 Corinthians 6:11: we are washed, sanctified, and **Justified** in the Holy Spirit.
- E. Romans 4:3-5: In Christ, God justifies the **Ungodly**, because they have **Faith** in Jesus; they are in **Relationship** with Him. (also Romans 3:26.)
- F. Galatians 2:16, 17: “...so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be **Justified** by **Faith** in Christ and not by **Works** of the law.”



The apostle Paul teaches that “justified” is God declaring one in right standing (as if one had never sinned) because one expresses faith in Christ, as opposed to possessing an ethical quality of character, i.e., conformity to the law. God’s grace animates Him to do this.

NOTE: to teach that one can be made right with God (justified) by personal faith in Jesus as Savior and *not* by conformity to God’s law got Paul into trouble with religious authorities who viewed his liberal “new theology” as a threat to their Jewish heritage, ceremonies, and distinctness. Today, this concept is still troubling even to Christians, contradicting our sense of logic and cause-and-effect (e.g., how can God justify the *ungodly*?). *God’s grace is difficult to digest.*



“Those who know not what it is to have an experience in the things of God, who know not what it is to be justified by faith, who have not the witness of the Spirit that they are accepted of Jesus Christ, are in need of being born again.”

Ellen G. White, *Signs of the Times*, March 8, 1910



II. Sanctification in Jesus

New Living in the Holy Spirit and Sanctification

By repentance and confession of sin and expressed faith in Jesus, one is justified by God; the purity (righteousness) of Christ is counted in favor of the penitent. But what happens as a result? How is the believer to respond?

- A. Romans 8:4-14; 12:1, 2
- B. John 14:15; 17:17
- C. 1 John 2:29; 3:7; 4:17; 5:3
- D. 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Peter 1:4
- E. Ephesians 3:16
- F. Galatians 5:16-25
- G. 1 John 2:6: “The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to **Walk** in the same manner as He walked.” (also Col. 2:6)



“Sanctification” is a word denoting “otherness”, “differentness.” It is a setting apart from the ordinary. In the Christian life, it means to live different than the world: in conformity with God’s will, with his moral law. This is a lifetime progression, a spiritual ripening.

New Living is a Continual, Progressive Experience in the Godliness Venture

- A. Romans 3:31; 8:4
- B. Colossians 2:6
- C. 2 Corinthians 4:16
- D. Isaiah 40:31
- E. 2 Peter 1:5-10