Everything that I have written can be summed up in **3 words**; Justification, Sanctification, Glorification.

<u>Justification</u>; From the Cambridge dictionary, means; a good reason or explanation for something: Biblically though, we are talking about "justification from sin". What could possibly be a good reason for why we have sinned? In this case it means an acquittal, or removal of the accusation for our sins.

Rom 8:33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. [Judge]

Rom 8:34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. [Defense attorney]

Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Rom 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

The scriptures tell us that there is no-one that is righteous in the eyes of God;

Psa 53:2 God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

Psa 53:3 They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

Rom 3:10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;

But; even though we are guilty of trespasses against God, he has issued us an acquittal in HIS justice court because of, and through the saving grace of the blood of Christ.

Rom 5:14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

Rom 5:18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

Rom 5:19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Rom 5:20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

Rom 5:21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for

Rom 5:9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Eph 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Sanctification; the act of making something or someone holy [righteous]:

When we were absolved from our sins, we became "sanctified; set-apart from the ordinary; born again;" all of a sudden, there are many on earth "who understand and seek after God" having Christ-in them.

- Joh 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- Joh 3:4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"
- Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water [1st, natural birth] and the Spirit, [2nd birth] he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
- Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- Joh 3:7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
- Joh 3:8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."
- Joh 3:9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"
- Rom 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- Rom 10:10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
- Rom 10:11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."
- Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.
- Rom 10:13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
- 1Co 6:11 ... But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
- Heb 2:10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.
- Heb 2:11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,
- Rom 8:16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- Rom 8:17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.
- Eph 1:13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,
- Eph 1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
- Php 2:15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

Glorification; the act of praising and honoring...

Christians are, or should be, walking around this earth with the Holy Spirit residing firmly within their hearts and minds, brightly exhibiting the "fruit of the Spirit";

- Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
- Gal 5:23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

...While patiently waiting for the appearance of their Lord.

- Tit 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, [Jesus]
- Tit 2:12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,
- Tit 2:13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
- Tit 2:14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
- 1Co 15:51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- 1Co 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.
- 1Co 15:53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.
- 1Th 4:14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
- 1Th 4:15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.
- 1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
- 1Th 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.
- 1Co 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.
- 1Jn 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
- 1Jn 3:2 Beloved, we are God's children <u>now</u>, 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.
- 1Jn 3:3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<u>Justification</u> is our past; it means freedom from the punishment for sin; which is our redemption. <u>Sanctification</u> is our present; meaning freedom from the power of sin; which is our righteousness. <u>Glorification</u> is our future; meaning freedom from the presence of sin; which is our reward.

1Th 4:18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.