

PROCESS OF SALVATION

THE DOMAIN OF DARKNESS

Colossians 1:13

We all begin here, in Satan's domain.

Throughout our lifetime the Holy Spirit will, from time-to-time, lift the blinders from our eyes so we can see our own sinfulness and need for a Savior. It is as if we can see a light in the distance, but we are still in darkness.

If we respond with belief and acceptance, we are immediately rescued from the Domain of Darkness into the Kingdom of Light. This **JUSTIFICATION / IMPUTATION** is when we get to "wear" the righteousness of our Lord, Jesus as if it is our own.

Even though we are immediately given a new clean spirit, our body and mind are yet to be changed. So, for a while, our sinful habits and attitudes follow us. They should be apparent (and abhorrent) to us.

SANCTIFICATION is the process where, through cooperation and submission to the work with the Holy Spirit, we progressively realize our freedom from sin's influence over us. We should recognize this as happening to us as we cooperate and submit. We should have less and less desire to sin, sinful thoughts and action should decrease in our daily lives.

We are instructed (commanded actually) to work daily on this process with the Holy Spirit as our teacher and guide. We do this through prayer (asking Him to change us to be like Jesus) and practice. If this is not happening to you, I'd ask yourself "why?" and seek Biblical counsel.

GLORIFICATION happens (immediately) at the end of our lives (through death or rapture). At that time we are finally totally freed from the influence of sin. We get new fresh minds and bodies that mesh with our new spirit, never again to sin against our God. Hallelujah!

NOTE THAT THERE IS SO MUCH SIN AND EVIL IN THIS DOMAIN THAT IT IS TOTALLY DARK. NO ONE CAN SEE HERE - ALL ARE BLIND. THE ONLY HOPE WE HAVE IS FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO REMOVE THE BLINDERS AND SHED LIGHT INTO OUR DARKNESS.

IF YOU ARE HERE - AND YOU SEE A FLASH OF "LIGHT" GRAB IT WITH ALL YOU HAVE, ACCEPT JESUS' OFFER OF SALVATION AND LIVE.

THE KINGDOM OF LIGHT The Kingdom of God's Beloved Son

MOMENT OF JUSTIFICATION / IMPUTATION - Acceptance of Jesus as Savior

MOMENT OF GLORIFICATION - Individual Death or Rapture of the Church

Philippians 2:12-13 ... work out your salvation with fear and trembling...

SANCTIFICATION - Process of following Jesus as LORD (Growing in Christ)