

Sanctification Process

Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
We have been saved from the penalty of sin	We are being saved from the power of sin	We will be saved from the presence of sin
Past tense – positional	Present tense -progressive	Future tense – Permanent
Our position in Christ	My condition is becoming like christ	My expectation is to be like Christ.

Justification

When we are justified, we are completely forgiven for all sin and clothed positionally before God with the righteousness of Jesus Christ. This happens when we hear the gospel and believe.

It is a one-time event and is either a yes or no. In other words, you cannot be 30%, or 50%, or 90% justified, it is all or nothing. God forgives us completely.

It is a free gift given to all believers in Christ; we do not work for it. Our part is only to have faith; we do not have the ability to justify or save ourselves.

At the same moment that we are justified, we are also adopted into God's family and become children of God. Justification, if real, will always lead to sanctification and glorification.

While we don't work at all for our own justification, amazingly, God calls us to work with Him in leading others to justification. We do this by sharing the good news about Jesus, and through prayer and by the example of our lives. Only God can justify people, but He uses us in the process of sharing the gospel. When people hear the gospel and believe, they are justified by God.

When a person is justified, then the work of sanctification begins in that born again life. It is the fruit that springs from the root of justification.

Sanctification

Sanctification is a life long progressive growth of a Christian by obedience to God through the power of the Spirit. It is the process of becoming more and more like Jesus!. Sanctification is a growth into righteousness while putting sin to death. You will grow in your sanctification process, but you will not be perfect in this life.

Our sanctification is often messy, we can have times when we take steps forward and yet have days when we fall, but over time by God's grace we make progress.

Our sanctification is only possible by God's grace and His power working in us. Our Spirit-enabled effort can make sanctification go forward more quickly, or a lack of effort can cause us to be stuck. Progress in sanctification is evidence that justification has occurred

and gives us confidence in our salvation. But in sanctification, we still constantly need grace. And God gives us the grace we need in Christ!

A huge amount of the Bible is about sanctification. All of the verses teaching and urging us not to sin are related to sanctification, which includes commands to love others as God has loved us.

The new birth is a radical change in the heart of a person, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Cor. 5:17) If a person has no evidence of sanctification, then we have the right and the duty to question whether there has been a work of justification. Bishop JC Ryle boldly stated, "Tell me not of your justification unless you also have some marks of sanctification." So, if you have been truly justified, you will be undergoing the process of sanctification right now.

Glorification

Glorification; instantaneous transformation of the believers by the power of God into a perfectly moral and physical being eternally living in God's presence in heaven.

It happens when we are resurrected in our new bodies, and it will last forever. All the effects of sin will be erased. We will be wholly sanctified, and no longer sin or even want to sin. Every one will be as loving, true, faithful, kind, good, and pure as Jesus Himself.

Key Aspects of Sanctification Process

Growth in Grace:

Believers mature in their faith, developing virtues like love, joy, peace, and patience.

Conformity to Christ's Image:

Sanctification involves becoming more like Jesus in character and actions.

Overcoming Sin:

The Holy Spirit empowers believers to resist temptation and turn away from sin.

Fruit of the Spirit:

As believers grow in holiness, they manifest the fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.).

How can a believer grow in sanctification?

- **Engage with God's Word:** Reading the Bible, praying, and meditating on God's truth.
- **Fellowship with other believers:** Growing in community and learning from other Christians.
- **Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance:** Relying on the Holy Spirit's power to live a holy life.
- **Confess and repent:** When sin occurs, confess it to God and turn away from it.

Did God know you would stumble? Yes, he is that Alpha and the Omega.

He knew it before you did.

Don't be ashamed. There is no condemnation in Christ.

Get back up.

Keep working at it.

Trust the process. Don't run from him. Run to him.