

Sinless or Sin-Less?

Justification & Sanctification

- Romans 8:15-16: For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a **spirit of adoption as sons and daughters** by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, (Galatians 4)
- Romans 8:23: And not only that, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons and daughters**, the redemption of our body.

- Ephesians 1:7: In Him **we have redemption** through His blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to the riches of His grace & which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight
- Ephesians 4:30: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed **for the day of redemption.**

Reasons Why These Doctrines are Important

- Romans 3:24: **being justified as a gift** by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus,
- Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved **through faith**; and this is not of yourselves, it is the **gift of God**;

- Romans 6:1-2: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? 2 Far from it! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?
- Romans 6:15: What then? Are we to sin because we are not under the Law but under grace? Far from it!

- Galatians 3:1-3: You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? 2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Justification

- Romans 3:21-26: But now apart from the Law **the righteousness of God** has been revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 but it is the **righteousness of God** through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to **demonstrate His righteousness**, because in God's merciful restraint He let the sins previously committed go unpunished; 26 for the demonstration, that is, of **His righteousness** at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- 2 Corinthians 5:21: He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin in our behalf**, so that **we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

He was always God and never ceased being God

- John 10:30: I and the Father are one.”
- Hebrews 1:3: And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.
- Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, and forever.

He never became an actual sinner

- 1 John 3:5: You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.
- 1 Peter 2:22: He who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;
- Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, and forever.

So what happened? He bore the punishment for our sin

- Isaiah 53:5: But He was pierced for our offenses,
He was crushed for our wrongdoings; The
punishment for our well-being was laid upon Him,
And by His wounds we are healed.

- 1 Peter 3:18: For **Christ also suffered for sins once for all time**, the just for the unjust, so that He might **bring us to God (right standing)**, having been **put to death** in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

It is a gift

- Romans 3:24: says we are **justified as a gift** by His grace through Christ

We stand guilty on our own

- Roman 3:23: for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,
- Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death,

We receive this gift

- Romans 5:1: Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,.
- Romans 4:3-5: For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham **believed God**, and it was **credited to him as righteousness.**" 4 Now to the one who works, the wages are not credited as a favor, but as what is due. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, **his faith is credited as righteousness,**

What happens when we receive this gift?

- His righteousness is imputed to us. Meaning His righteousness is credited to our account and our sin is credited to His account.

And how do we hear about this gift?

- Romans 10:17: So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

So what happens when we become the righteousness of God?

- We Are Born Again (John 3: 3)
- We Become Sons and Daughters (Galatian 3:26)
- We Are Clothed In Christ (Galatians 3:27)
- We Are a New Creation (2 Corinthians 5: 17)
- We Become Part of the Body (1 Corinthians 12:13)
- We Are Sealed By the Spirit (Ephesians 1:13)

Sanctification



- Hebrews 10:10: By this will, we **have been sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:3: For this is the will of God, **your sanctification**; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

Word

- John 17:17: **Sanctify** them in the truth; Your **word** is truth.
- 1 Peter 2:2: and like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the **word**, so that by it you may **grow in respect to salvation**,

Spirit

- Galatians 5:16: But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.
- 1 Peter 1:3: **for His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness**, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

- Hebrews 12:14: Pursue peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
- 2 Corinthians 7:1: Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let's cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
- Romans 12:2: And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,

- Romans 8:29: For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become **conformed to the image of His Son,**
- 2 Corinthians 3:18: But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

- Romans 8:13: for if you are living in accord with the flesh, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Glorification

When do we become fully glorified?

- Roman 8:30: and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, **He also glorified.**
- 1 Corinthians 15:42: So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is **sown a perishable body**, it is **raised an imperishable body**
- 1 Corinthians 15:52: in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound & the **dead will be raised imperishable, & we will be changed**

God will do what He says He will do for those who believe!

- Jude 24: Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy,
- Philippians 1:6: For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus.