

Justification & Sanctification

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I. Salvation

- A. Man was created to know, serve, and love God.
 - 1. Man is the image of God
 - 2. Man was created for life with God because God Himself is life
- B. The Fall of Adam made this impossible, as the Fall led our race into Death
 - 1. Man must be saved from Sin, Death, and the Devil
 - 2. Jesus Christ defeated these foes on the Cross and in the Resurrection
- C. All men are “in Adam” when born (i.e., we are in the Kingdom of Death)
- D. At Baptism, new Christians are reborn, by the power of the Holy Ghost and united with Christ (we are “in Christ” and the Kingdom of Life)
- E. Salvation is union with Christ, by which we participate in the divine nature
- F. Two main parts of Salvation: Justification and Sanctification
 - 1. Without justification, sanctification can never occur
 - 2. Without sanctification, we can never be in the presence of God who is Life

II. Justification

- A. An act of God upon the soul, whereby he cleanses it, and endows it with righteousness by uniting it to Christ
- B. A state of being redeemed by Christ and united to him
 - 1. We were, through sin, at enmity with God, but
 - 2. Moving from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light
 - 3. Col. 1:9-14 - *For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*
 - 4. Soul in such a state of grace in which God’s favor rests upon it, and assists it
- C. God justifies us. Mankind cannot make himself righteous by his own works.

1. *Formal (moving) cause:* the love and mercy of God; 1 St. John 4:19 - We love him, because he first loved us.
2. *Meritorious cause:* Merits of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
3. *Efficacious cause:* the Holy Ghost, endowing us with the perfect righteousness of Christ
4. *Instrumental Cause:* The sacraments are the typical divinely instituted means by which God imparts grace savingly; particularly baptism here. Reborn into a state of justification.
 - a) Condition: Faith and Repentance
 - b) Faith apprehends and appropriates the merits of Christ
 - c) Justification demands a holy life in keeping with repentance

III. Sanctification

- A. The work of God upon the soul to transform him into the likeness of Christ (i.e., to be holy and righteous)
 1. What was intended in the Garden of Eden
 2. All powers of soul and body to be in the service of God out of love
- B. We are justified in order to be sanctified and we are sanctified in order to be glorified with Christ (Romans 8:30)
- C. Sanctification is the process in which we are made holy.
 1. Sanctification fits us to be in God's presence forever;
 2. Col: 1:27
- D. God is holy and can only be around holy things and holy people.
 1. He is the source of Life
 2. Cannot abide sin
- E. Once we are transferred into the Kingdom of the Son (Col 1) we must grow to become mature citizens of that kingdom.
- F. Sacramental application: Union with Christ is commenced in baptism, dependent upon the presence of the Holy Ghost within us; sustained by feeding on Christ's Body and Blood
- G. Ephesians 5:25 - *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish...for we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.*

IV. Conclusion

- A. Salvation is the entire project of God; it is why we preach and proclaim the Gospel
- B. It is not an end in of itself, but salvation is for a purpose: the ultimate end of salvation is the glory of God through his love and mercy found in our Lord Jesus Christ