

from justification produces instability, condemnation and insecurity.

Justification without Sanctification	Sanctification without Justification
Immaturity Compromise Weakness Wandering Independent	Instability Self-righteousness Pride Fruitlessness Sectarianism

All we receive is by God’s Grace “...to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved” (Ephesians 1:6)

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds” (Titus 2:11-14).

According to this passage, grace...

Brings salvation – saves us -- instructs us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires; enables us, tells us to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age; empowers us, keeps us looking ahead for the appearing of Jesus – keeps us pressing on!

Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Titus 2:11	Titus 2:12	Titus 2:13-14
Gives us salvation	Keeps us saved	Gets us home
Grace that accepts us	Grace that enables us	Grace that transforms us

## Review:

1. Is “sanctification” an instantaneous, additional work of grace, or an ongoing process?
2. Who inspires us toward a more “godly” life?

Everything we receive from God -- salvation, spiritual gifts, a deeper hunger to know Him -- are of grace.  
-Ron Lewis

# Sanctification: More Grace

Study #18



## Sanctification

Sanctification is the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit to free us from bondage, ungodly habits and the pollution of sin and gradually set us apart to God. Jesus, our pattern, transforms every aspect of our lives so that we can say with Paul, “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me” (Galatians 2:20).

You have died to:

- Sin – Romans 6:6-12
- The world – Galatians 6:14

You are alive to:

- Christ – Romans 6:8
- God – Romans 6:11

The gift of righteousness that the Lord provides us through faith makes this new life possible. Where self-will fails, encountering the beauty and goodness of God triumphs, helping us to understand our rebirth as His holy and blameless children (Ephesians 2:4-7). We do not try to live right to become holy in God’s sight, but we live well because we have been made holy. (Ephesians 2:10).

Although the old life can creep up on us, remembering our right standing with God through the blood of Jesus keeps guilt, condemnation, alienation and other effects of “the Fall” out of our lives.

Righteousness as a gift (result of justification) enables us to stand before God with the confidence that we are His own. This “imputed righteousness” comes when we are born again. (Romans 1:17; 2 Corinthians 5:21). It is undeserved, a gift, and all we need to stand before God without guilt, shame or fear. This “declarative” righteousness becomes our own when we turn to the Lord in faith. God credits to our account the worth of His own precious Son.

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

Righteousness as a pursuit is the process of sanctification. As His interests replace our interests, we hunger and thirst for more of His righteousness

(Matthew 5:6). God Himself builds within us a deep desire to do what’s right. This is a progressive work but typically begins at the salvation experience.

“For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image or His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren...and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified” (Romans 8:29).

Glorification is our destination. We seek glory. To be esteemed, loved, admired, and valued is the unseen engine in our hearts, whether it moves us to heights of fame or to the depths of ill-repute. As we seek God’s glory, He rewards us with His commendation (Matthew 25:21, 23), an imperishable body (1 Corinthians 15:53), and an eternal inheritance (Colossians 3:24). Confusing sanctification with justification leads to error and heresy. The table below compares these two graces:

Justification	Sanctification
Right standing with God	Right living for God
Legal righteousness	Moral righteousness
Through position	By practice
External	Internal
Act of God	Process of God
Jesus’ cross	Our cross
One time and forever	Ongoing
Declaration about us	Something done in us
Totally without our aid	Process involving our aid
Takes away our guilt instantly	Takes away our shame progressively
Produces a desire to be sanctified	Springs from being justified
God as Judge	God as Tutor and Surgeon
The message of Romans	The message of 1 and 2 Corinthians
Imputed righteousness	Imparted righteousness
Romans 4:8, 5:18	2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 12:14

We need a healthy balance. Justification without sanctification misses the dynamic and glorious relationship with God. Scripture says, “Without sanctification no man can see God” (Hebrews 12:14). Sanctification apart