

*We believe that the depraved sinner is saved wholly by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and the requisites to regeneration are repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that the Holy Spirit convicts sinners, regenerates, seals, secures, and indwells every believer.*

## Grace means that God does something for us that we couldn't do and don't deserve.

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God's saving grace is \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives through \_\_\_\_\_.  
Salvation for the Christian ultimately embraces three areas: justification, sanctification, and glorification.

- 1) Justification is the gracious act of God whereby He declares the believing sinner not guilty and delivers him from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
- 2) Sanctification is the gracious act of God whereby He delivers the believer from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
- 3) Glorification is the gracious act of God whereby He will deliver the believer from the very \_\_\_\_\_ of sin. One day we will be raised from the grave and we will never deal with the indwelling presence of sin again.

## 1. Justification

A.) Man is condemned and guilty before God. (Rom. 3:19)

- We are condemned because of what we are - \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 3:10; Ps. 51:5)
- We are condemned because of what we've done and do and will do - \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 3:23; Rom. 3:19; Eccl. 7:20)
- We are condemned because of what we have not done - \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:18)

B.) Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5; John 3:16-18)

- The cure for man's dilemma is found in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ.
- He is the only cure for the sin problem and its penalty.
- Only Jesus can deliver (justify) you.

C.) We must \_\_\_\_\_ with God. (John 6:44; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7)

- God's part in the salvation process involves the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.

**The Process:**

- A. We are \_\_\_\_\_ of our sins by the Spirit.
- B. We are CONVINCED, by the Spirit, through the utilization of the Word of God - that we cannot save ourselves.
- C. We are \_\_\_\_\_, by the Spirit, to come to Christ.
- D. We are CONVERTED, by the Spirit, when we accept Christ as our personal Savior.

Man's part involves \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Justification is a gift from God when we trust in Christ.

**2. Sanctification**

- A. Sanctification deals with God's work \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ us after we become believers in Christ.
- B. He not only tells us what to do; He equips us with the ability through the ministry of the Holy Spirit to do it.  
 (Eph. 2:10; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 2:12-16)
- C. Sanctification is the gracious act of God whereby He delivers the believer from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and to Christ's righteousness. This typically takes place as a part of Spiritual Growth.
- D. Sanctification as a part of \_\_\_\_\_ is directly linked with the Word of God and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. (John 17:17; 1 Peter 2:2; Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 3:18)

**Justification**

- Occurs instantly at the moment of salvation changing our standing before God.
- Removes the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
- Removes the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ us righteous.

**Sanctification**

- Occurs gradually throughout the life of the believer changing our condition here.
- Removes the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
- Removes the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ us righteous.

And this is all the gracious work of God in our lives as we respond to Him through faith.

### 3. Glorification

- A. Glorification is the ultimate and absolute physical, mental, and spiritual, perfection and \_\_\_\_\_ into the image of Christ of all believers. (*Rom. 8:22-23; 1 Cor. 15:41, 44, 51-55; 2 Cor. 4:14-18; 5:1-4; Jude 1:24-25*)
- B. It is in essence the completion of our salvation.
- C. At the resurrection (Christ's return, rapture, etc.), we will receive a glorified body and be delivered from the very presence of sin. (*1 John 3:2; 1 Cor. 15:51-57*)
- D. Glorification is the logical and necessary \_\_\_\_\_ of the great salvation triangle, completing justification and sanctification.
- Justification saved us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin at the moment of salvation.
  - Sanctification primarily deals with saving us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin throughout life.
  - Glorification saves us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin at the Rapture or First Resurrection.

### Knowing what I know, now what? Believing what I believe, what do I do?

1. Identify with the verdict.
  - When you put your faith in Christ as Savior God announced a verdict – INNOCENT.
  - Let the verdict define your identity.
2. Seek to grow.
  - Spiritual maturity is the key to living out sanctification.
  - The purpose of sanctification is twofold:
    - » To be Christ-like (*Rom. 8:29*). This is a general purpose and applies to all Christians.
    - » To be you (i.e. who God called you to be). There is also an individual purpose for our lives that God desires we fulfill.
3. Hope in the greater future.
  - Our hope is in a greater future. Because Jesus Christ was raised from the grave, we too will be raised from the grave.

## LIFE APPLICATION

*That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Romans 5: 21*

Some of the most delightful years I have ever experienced in my life were during the time my children were growing up under my care. It was a time of fond memories and at times administering tough love. When they did something wrong, I would discipline them through a variety of methods. To me, the word discipline means training. What my children never figured out was I seldom ever used the rod. No matter what they did, I was looking at two things that determined my choice of discipline. (1) Were they truly sorrowful that they did wrong and (2) did they tell me the truth no matter how dreadful they thought the punishment was going to be? My children being truthful with me was of utmost importance.

There were many times that I had the privilege of teaching the meaning of grace. My children were guilty (or thought they were guilty), and I would tell them that today I was extending grace to them. I would add a teaching moment to the mix and explain that is how God works. Sometimes we are guilty and yet because He is a loving heavenly Father, sometimes He extends something to us that we do not deserve. Grace.

*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9*

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There are times when you may be a person's only salvation. If you will watch and listen, you can discover a need without anyone saying a word. Clothes for a newborn; money for camp fees, a mission trip, or starting back to school. A word of encouragement, a listening ear, an encouraging text, mowing someone's lawn, or fixing their leaky faucet. Maybe a person is not deserving of a good deed being done for them; that's where grace comes in.