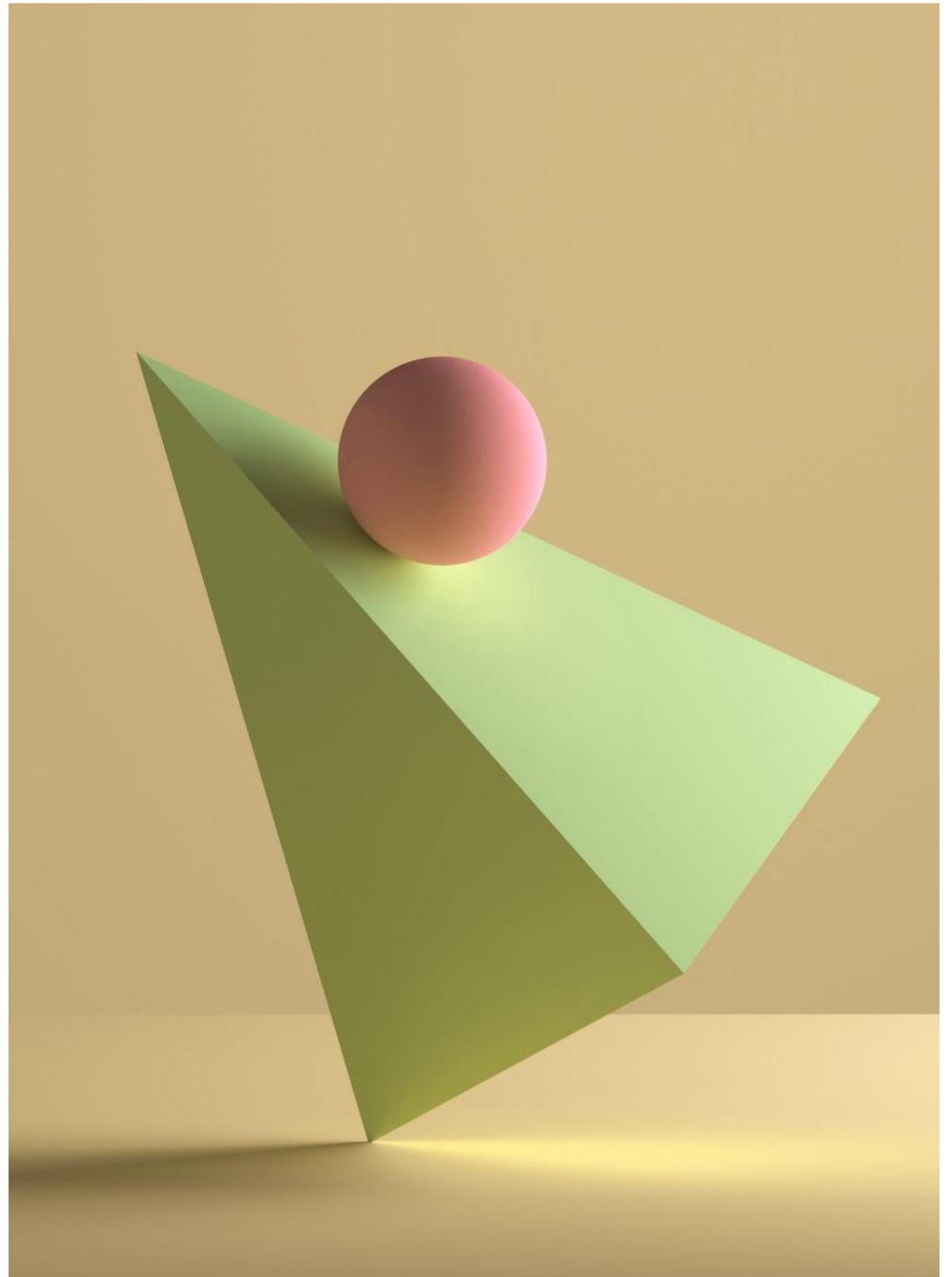


# Justification vs. Sanctification

What's the difference?



It might not seem like a big deal, but this topic is what many Theologians are arguing about to this very day!



Today, we are going to discuss the differences so, all of you are 100% clear about this topic.

# Identified traits of Justification vs Sanctification

## Justification

God did all the work

Permanent

Eternal (Secure forever)

Instantaneous (God did the work)  
by believer's faith

No works

Same standing for all believers

Judicial (met God's law)

Imputed righteousness

Indicative-It happened at faith

Our Union with Christ

Christ's death/resurrection

Indwelt by the H.S.

## Sanctification

We do work with God's help

Temporary

Now to Eternity (temporary spiritual state)

Lifelong pursuit (We work to grow)  
by the believer's obedience

Work done by believer

Greater standing in some than others

Moral (meets man's law)

Imparted righteousness

Imperative-Commanded to grow spiritually

Our Communion with Christ

put to death the sins of body

Filling of the H.S.

Justification means "to make righteous."

This was done by Jesus Christ when he paid the penalty for our sin on the cross. We were not ever going to be righteous **by our own means** and God knew we couldn't, because of our sin. God sent his son Jesus Christ into this world to live a sin free life, fulfilling the law of God perfectly. The penalty for our sin was death! Jesus took our sins upon himself and paid our penalty! We only need to have faith in him to receive this free gift. When we have **faith in him**, he extends his own perfect righteousness to us. We are then "Justified" by his work on the cross and his resurrection. We are going to take a closer look at this!

So, who justified the unbeliever?

God did!

Turn to **John 3:31-36**

31) "He (J.C.) who comes from above is above all, he (John the Baptist) who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. 32) "What He (J.C.) has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.

33) "He (believer) who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true. 34) "For He (J.C.) whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the (H.S.) Spirit without measure.

35) The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.

36) "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey (have faith in) the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Did we do anything? Works? Fulfill the law? Live a good clean, moral life?

No! **Go to Romans 5:6-11**

(6) For **while we were still helpless**, at the right time **Christ died for the ungodly**. (7) For one will hardly (not likely) die for a righteous man; though perhaps (not even) for the good man someone would dare even to die. (8) **But God demonstrates His own love toward us**, in that **while we were yet sinners**, **Christ died for us**. (9) Much more then, having now been justified by His blood (His substitutionary spiritual death), we shall be **saved from the wrath of God through Him**. (10) For **if while** (1<sup>st</sup> class cc-Since) **we were enemies** we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, **having been reconciled** (with God), **we shall be saved by His life**.

(11) And not only this, but we also **exult** (praise, promote, glorify) God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received **the reconciliation**.

At that moment of **Faith**, God **gave us** his righteousness, by removing our penalty of sin. He instantaneously gave us **eternal life**. This action from God was not because we were good, worthy, or entitled to it. God gave us Eternal Life....which is a free gift! It's a gift and there is nothing we could do to deserve it or earn it. He loved us! This **one-time action of faith** was **our volition**. Our choice to enter a relationship with God by faith, and we were **declared righteous**; a judicial act by God, not because of our actions, but because of the penalty paid on the cross by Jesus in our behalf. When we believed, **indwelled us** with the Holy Spirit. He is permanently identified with us. Our standing before God the father is now **identified with the actions of Christ** in the past and the Holy Spirit lives in us and helps us in this life.

***All of the members of the Trinity were involved in this justification!***

***God planned it, J.C. executed it and the H.S. reveals it!***

**Sanctification** means "set apart." It is a believer's relationship with God which men enter into at the point of **faith in Christ**.

Can an unbeliever be **Sanctified**? No! He must first **be a believer**.

Does this **sanctification** happen at once?

It starts immediately at **faith** and continues through our life

**Sanctification** is also used in the N.T. of the separation of the believer from evil things and ways. This is God's will for the believer.

God teaches it by his word and must be pursued by the believer, Earnestly and undeviatingly. The holy character of the believer is not vicarious, it cannot be transferred or imputed, it is an individual possession, built up, little by little, as the result of obedience to the word of God, and of following the example of Christ, in the power of the Holy spirit, the agent in sanctification.

Picture a new relationship.

The guy asks a beautiful lady to go out with him; they spend time together getting to know each other. As their relationship grows, they learn trust, faithfulness and commitment to one another.

It is this process that is similar with God; only, he already knows us intimately.

**We learn about him!**



In the last lesson, we looked at traits of **Justification** vs **Sanctification**, the definitions of each, and the traits each one have. We learned that **Justification** happens once (at the point of faith). **Sanctification** is the further progress of your spiritual growth into maturity and is (ongoing). These two things are separate events in a believer's life.

You cannot **grow spiritually** or **have a relationship** with the Lord until you are a believer. You also cannot earn **justification** by your good works. This hierarchy of events is unchangeable.

A believer is **Justified**, then proceeds **to grow in Spiritual maturity** as they learn how to live according to God's will. The latter part, **Sanctification**, has extra blessings that are possible for believers as in (Crowns, Rewards, Inheritance of God's kingdom and the co-reigning with Christ in Heaven). We may even attain God's special grace blessings here, on earth. **A problem arises when you try to mix these two together.** By joining **Justification** with **Sanctification**, you may now have to make the claim that we have to do some type of work to remain saved in God's Kingdom. This is contrary to what the scripture says. This removes the completion of God's work done on the cross and puts our salvation based off of our own work at stake. Why would we need God if we could save ourselves!! Remember Justification was a gift, given to us because of our faith. God knew who we were then. (**Eph 2:8-9**)

## **Red Flags** to be aware of in Sanctification



There are many ways people misapply what the word says, and we are going to look at a **few causes of the misinterpretations** that are so common today.

You may have done one of these things yourself, as a new believer or as a mature believer that studied out of context of the word of God.

We must learn to trust God and live our life through His will for us.

We must learn to pray, read the Bible and trust that He will help us.

We need to apply what we have learned in real daily situations.

Here are some common missteps of a believer as they are being Sanctified.

1. God gives us His Word, but we don't read it.
2. We read it, but don't apply it to our circumstances.
3. We try to control our circumstances ourselves and don't trust God.
4. We make the decisions for God and look for his agreeance with us.
5. We live carnally and not spiritually.
6. We read out of Context!
7. We look for the benefit to ourselves instead of for the benefit for God. (Prosperity Gospel, Health, Power and Approbation Lust)

When we study the Bible we have to know who is speaking, being spoken to or spoken about. The original languages helps us to see this.

We will also look at more areas people distort.

Word Duality = words that are the same but have different meanings

Illegitimate totality transfer = similar to word duality, but it's the application of a word to mean the same thing in every circumstance.

The importance of Dispensations

The application of things in early time being applied with modern day understanding.

Mosaic law application vs Grace

in all of these, context is needed for accuracy.

## Word Duality

As hinted at by the word "dual" within it, duality refers to having two parts, often with opposite meanings; like the duality of **good** and **evil**. Just as there are two sides to a coin, metaphorically speaking, there's a duality. **Peace** and **war**, **love** and **hate**, **up** and **down**, and **black** and **white** are dualities.

Words like "Heirs", "Saved", "Inheritance", etc... can have dualities in their meanings. We need proper context to see the meaning.

# The Dual Meaning of Words in the Bible

**Positional:** depends on God apart from works  
**Experiential:** depends on God plus our works

**Overcome  
the World**

**Positional** [1 John 5:5](#)  
**Experiential** [Rev. 2:7, 3:21, 21:7](#)

**Inheritance**

**Positional** [Gal. 3:29, Rm.4:13-14](#)  
**Experiential** [Rm. 8:17, Col. 3:23-24](#)

**Saved**

**Positional** [Eph. 2:8-9, Titus 3:5](#)  
**Experiential** [Phil. 2:12, 1 Tim. 2:15](#)

**Eternal Life**

**Positional** [Jn 3:16, Rm. 6:23](#)  
**Experiential** [Rm. 2:7, Gal. 6:8](#)

**Justified**

**Positional** [Rm.3:24-28, Gal. 2:16](#)  
**Experiential** [Rm.2:13, Ja 2:21-24](#)

**Sanctified**

**Positional** [Acts 26:18, Heb. 13:12](#)  
**Experiential** [2 Tm. 2:21, John 17:17](#)

**Righteousness**

**Positional** [Rm.4:5, Gal. 3:6](#)  
**Experiential** [Rm.6:13-23, Titus 3:5](#)

**Son**

**Positional** [Gal. 3:26, Rm.8:15-19](#)  
**Experiential** [Mt.5:44-45, Rm.8:14](#)

**Heirs**

**Positional** [Gal. 4:7, Eph. 3:6](#)  
**Experiential** [Heb.11:7, Ja 2:5](#)

Words and how we use them are important. So, we've seen that they can have more than one meaning. What if we try to apply the same meaning that we read to every circumstance?

Many people do exactly that. They will read a scripture about being saved and apply their misread context to a salvific connotation, with a confusing or silly outcome.

1 Tim 2:15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control

So, is this talking about salvation from Hell?

No! Women were causing problems for Timothy in the church. Paul was instructing Timothy to teach the doctrine of Submissiveness and Quietness to women and not to exercise authority over men by trying to control issues in the early church. Remember what happened in the Garden of Eden?

Churches, just like other groups, have people in them. Why do so many think Christians are such good people?

Sometimes we get our sights set on people instead of Christ. When we set our eyes on people, we will get disappointed and hurt feelings will occur.

Gossip, maligning and power struggles are a huge reason for church dissent and why many people leave the church. This is what was happening in the church at Corinth.

There is no need to look for other people's faults or sins, because the Church is full of sinners. We all are sinners!

If you are trying to live your spiritual life by being holier than others or calling out everyone else's wrongs, you better look at yourself a little closer. If you feel like you have acted in this way, first acknowledge this to God (rebound) [1 John 1:9](#), then go to the person and apologize for your behaviour. They may or may not forgive you, but Christ will always forgive you when you acknowledge your sin to him. Spiritually, you will be right with God, even if the offended person doesn't accept your apology. This is our family. We are Royal family members of God. This was Paul's point.

Child-bearing women were a blessing and gave women purpose and authority to teach their children so they would not feel irrelevant. In fact, one of the greatest blessings were for the women who had children. Barren women were often shunned or looked down on because they didn't have their own children to teach. Women were the primary teachers of all children. They taught the love of God and the family was held together by strong, faithful women who practiced Love and Holiness.

Women were not allowed to be over men, because of the authority given to Adam in the beginning over all creatures. Eve was given to him as a help mate. After they ate of the tree of knowledge, God told her she would be subject to her husband (not rule over him) and childbearing would be through her. This was the order of authority God set from the beginning.

(God, Man, Woman, Children.) Today, this hierarchy is flipped completely out of order and chaos in society has eroded.

Not only have children rebelled against authority, but women are ruling their husbands, men are effeminate and God is not allowed to be mentioned in our society. What a mess!!

If we were not careful here, we'll have millions of women trying to have babies in childbirth, trying to get to Heaven.

We should look at the scripture in context and use proper discernment. Without discernment, we can distort the true meaning of the text and apply our own perspective to it. We should read the Bible ourselves, but with careful consideration of the full context the writer is putting into text. The original languages help clarify intent from the scrolls. This is where a trained Pastor-Teacher is necessary to help clarify the Bible. If you have any questions you should reach out to a qualified Pastor-Teacher for clarification.

Now we will look at another way that things can be taken out of context. The Illegitimate Totality Transfer.

## Illegitimate Totality Transfer

Illegitimate Totality Transfer means to apply the **same word or words** to the same meaning across the text which would have a misleading or even silly result. (i.e., making application of one of the meanings of a given word into any given passage or circumstance)

In the Illegitimate totality transfer, we must have proper context to know what is being discussed.

When we go to a Dictionary, we would not only pick the best example of the definitions of the word, but then have to see how it applies throughout the text we are looking at.

Here is a very simple example of this, but when studying God's word, the implications are much more serious.

## Illegitimate Totality Transfer

Someone says, "I left my car keys in the trunk".



Is it this trunk?



Or this one?



This one?

If we have a **lack of context, limited information** or a **mixture of things rolled in together**, such as in ***Justification*** and ***Sanctification***, a reader can make the text say something it does not say or turn the true meaning of the text into **a mess**, that is essentially **meaningless** to a believer.

The result is both **foolish** and **harmful** in our understanding of scriptural text. Readers can be left utterly **confused** or **misled**, as are so many people today!

We must learn how to read God's word so we can be accurate in our understanding. That is the purpose of this lesson.

Here is another example of a commonly mis-applied word.

"Saved" generally means "delivered." You can be:

Saved from a danger

Saved from an enemy

Saved from a bad decision

Saved from death

Saved from God's wrath

In the New Testament, the type of salvation mentioned, mostly has to do with one of these above, which is not about saving us from Hell.

In our day, people automatically think about a justification connotation to the word "salvation" or "saved". The word "deliverance" is a more appropriate term and fits the context in many circumstances..

How about names with different meanings? Let's look at the use of **Dispensational distinctions** to clarify who or what we are reading about in the text.

## Dispensations

We must consider the dispensations or "timelines of biblical events" appropriately.

These are relevant to what is happening in God's plan. We can look to dispensations or timelines of events for context. The below shows different examples.

Let's look at **Israel**. We will use the dispensations to correctly identify which **Israel** we are looking at.

\*Jacob was renamed "**Israel**" after he wrestled with God;  
(Gen 32:28) 1836-1689 BC (**Age of the Jews**). (**Person**)

\***Israel** became the Northern Kingdom (930 BC) (**Age of the Jews**).  
(**Tribe**)

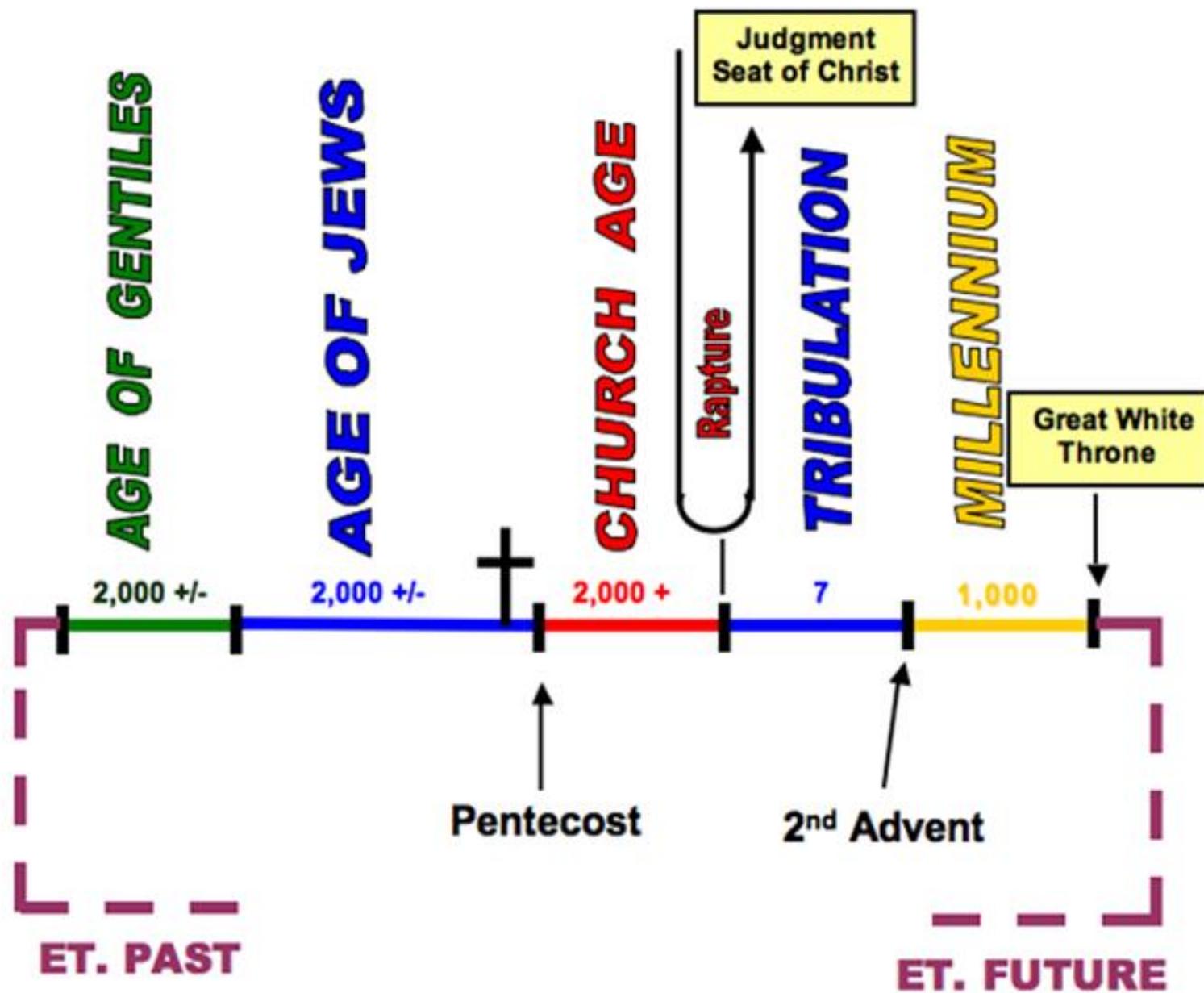
\*In 1948 AD **Israel** becomes a nation again (**Church Age**) (**Nation**)

\*In 1967 AD **Israel** recaptures Jerusalem (**Church Age**) (**Nation**)

\***Israel** protected 3 1/2 yrs. and **Israel** persecuted 3 1/2  
yrs. (**Tribulation**) (future event) (**Nation**)

\***Israel** reigns over the nations in the (**Millennium**) (future event)  
(**Nation**)

# Dispensations



## Applying today's rules to Ancient times

When we look into the past, the laws governing those people will almost always be different from our modern-day ways and laws. You can look back 100 years and realize how different things were.

Now try to imagine 2000+ years. We can't apply our logic to their circumstances. Here's a few topics to think about that differ today.....

Law of the land

Homosexuality

Slavery

Taxes

Governance by a King or a Governing body

Women and children

Punishments

Inheritance

## Mosaic law vs Grace

Man was condemned by the law of God, because we could not follow it. God's Grace freed mankind from sin's authority. We must separate the restrictive confines of the law from Grace. We are not under the mosaic law any longer, we are under Grace. We cannot place ourselves back under the mosaic law as we navigate our lives in this church age.

This causes man to try to save himself, and that rejects the work Christ completed for us on the cross. Here's some things that will not save you from hell.

- \*Good Works
- \*Being a good person
- \*Going to church
- \*Teaching bible class
- \*Casting out demons

**What Will save you from hell?**

**Having faith in Jesus Christ and accepting his work on the cross**

**He did the work for us!**

So, there are many red flags that can identify the context we need for understanding the differences between Justification and Sanctification. We must learn to pay attention to these things.

2 Tim. 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

Now you know how many potential pitfalls that Believers can fall into. God wants us to know him. He wants us to seek him and rely on him. The demonic enemy wants nothing more than to destroy you and anything that glorifies Christ. YOU are on the front line! You have the power of the Holy Spirit and can be a part of the victory that Christ has already won. You can become the Metochoi, co-reining with Christ. Will you take this seriously or are you going to stay defeated? It's up to you. Your volition is a yes or a no.

When we are sanctified, we are in **fellowship with God**.

We will go through this life in one of two conditions. We cannot operate in both conditions at the same time. What are they?

1. Spiritual

2. Carnal

This is about our relational status with God. (fellowship)

We move in and out of these two modes. When we are carnal, we are being influenced by our OSN.

If we acknowledge our sins to God, we are immediately restored to fellowship with him again. When we do this, we are humbly admitting our wrong before him and we are immediately forgiven for those sins. Jesus already took the sins to the cross, but by admitting the sin, we restore our relationship with him.

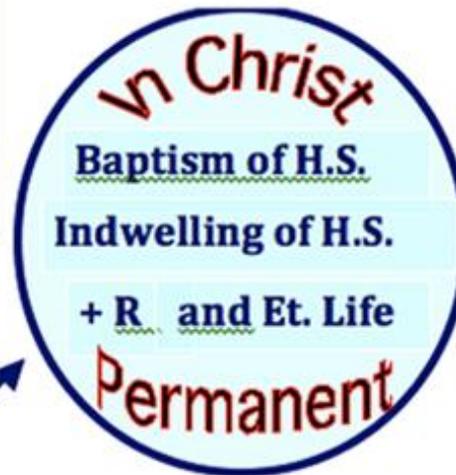
However, when we continue to sin willfully without acknowledging them to God, we are arrogantly defying God and his act of Grace towards us on the cross. This breaks our fellowship with God.

# Circles

**TOP CIRCLE**  
Has nothing to do with persevering.  
God does it all the moment we believe.

**POSITIONAL**  
AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT

Understanding the difference between **Positional** & **Experiential** is essential in understanding the Bible.



Point of Salvation

*Eph. 5:18*  
(filled)



*Eph. 4:30*  
(grieve)

*1 Thess. 5:19*  
(quench)

-Vol.

**SIN**

**CARNAL**  
Influence by the  
OLD SIN  
NATURE

**BOTTOM CIRCLE**  
Has everything to do with persevering.  
The goal is to be experientially sanctified.

**EXPERIENTIA**

*1 John 1:9*  
Confess Your Sins

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## *Sanctify Chart*

<b>Indwelling of the Holy Spirit</b>	Positional Sanctification	Permanent	In the Body	Carnal or Spiritual
<b>Filling of the Holy Spirit</b>	Experiential Sanctification	Temporary	In the Soul	Spiritual
<b>Baptism of the Holy Spirit</b>	Positional Sanctification	Permanent	Into Christ's Body	Carnal or Spiritual
<b>Walking by the Holy Spirit</b>	Experiential Sanctification	Temporary	In the Soul	Spiritual
<b>Indwelling of Jesus Christ</b>	Positional Sanctification	Permanent	In the Body	Carnal or Spiritual
<b>Occupation with Christ (Sp. Maturity)</b>	Experiential Sanctification	Temporary	In the Soul	Spiritual

God rewards those who *make the effort to grow in Grace and knowledge and glorify him.*

As we grow in knowledge of his word, God opens more understanding of himself to the believer.



as in the parallel of the relationship of the man and woman. They go from dating to trust, to personal experience with the person and later to full commitment, i.e....Marriage.

Christ uses this explanation for our maturity as well.

He is the Groom, and the church is his bride!

We wait for his arrival at the Rapture.

# Phases of Sanctification

## GOD'S PLAN OF GRACE

### PHASE 1 **Salvation** **Positional Sanctification**

Christ did the work on the Cross (Eph. 2:8-9, Titus 3:5) (Hebrews 1)

Bels. in Christ, positionally higher than angels. 

### PHASE 2 **Time** **Experiential Sanctification**

Ministry of the H.S. (John 16:13) (Rom.6., Eph.5:26)

Building an E.C.S. 

### PHASE 3 **Eternity** **Ultimate Sanctification**

Completion of the Father's Plan (1 John 3:2) (Phil.3:21, 1 Thes.5:23)

Bels. phy. superior to angels in resurrection bodies! 

## *Phase 1 - Salvation*

God's plan for us starts at the cross. God has reconciled mankind's sinful nature by paying the penalty of sin. He took on our punishment and gave us his righteousness.

*Sin nature* The sin nature is the center of rebellion toward God. This depraved nature came into being because of Adam's original sin in the Garden of Eden. As we give birth to the future generations, we extend that sinful nature to our children. Every new baby has the old sin nature passed through their father. God's attitude towards us all is that we were born spiritually dead or "separated from God." That's the reason Christ went to the cross to take on the sins of the world, so that no one would be condemned for their sin.

### *There are 3 categories of personal sins:*

1. Mental attitude sin
2. Sins of the tongue
3. Overt sins

## **What are Mental attitude sins?**

Pride, Jealousy, bitterness, hatred, vindictiveness, implacability, envy, guilt feelings, fear, worry, anxiety and self pity.

These are the worst kinds of sins because they can quickly become groups of sins that wreck our spiritual life.

There is not one person who does not commit these type of sins. Also, a mental attitude sin can be something you think about, even before putting the sin into action.

## **What are Sins of the tongue?**

Maligning, judging, bullying, gossiping, criticizing and lying.

These sins can also be destructive. Do you ever wish you could catch what you just said and put it back in your mouth? When these sins are released, they are out there and can't be pulled back. That's why they are so hurtful and some recipients of these words never fully recover from what we say.

## What are Overt sins?

Overt sins involve other people, just as sins of the tongue do. Here is an example of overt sins and the one's most people deem the serious sins.

Murder, adultery, drunkenness and stealing are all referred to in the Bible as overt sins.

In addition to sins from your areas of weakness, your sin nature also has an area of strength which produces good deeds. These are called human good because they are deeds produced from the flesh. Believers and unbelievers can produce these good deeds, so the Believer under the control of the sin nature and an unbeliever doing these deeds are indistinguishable.

The Bible mandates benevolent acts of kindness to the needy, the hungry and the poor for a believer, but for the unbeliever, it is only seen by mankind and is not credited as divine good. Which is the holy spirit working through you.

## How does God view Human good?

Isaiah 64:6 says: "All of our righteous deeds (human good) are like a filthy garment!"

The plan of God operates on divine good, not on human good.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to his mercy (Grace) by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy spirit.

The issue in salvation then is the work of Christ (Divine good) versus human works (human good).

Most people think they can be good morally or work hard to meet God's approval. This is contrary to what the Bible says. God has done all of the work! All we must do is have faith in him and his work on the cross. Eternity is ours to be had and he has gone to provide the place for us.

## Phase 2 - Time

### Operation Grace

The moment you believe in Christ you enter into phase 2. The mind of Christ is available through Bible doctrine. The sin nature is still present, but the sins committed can be slowed by spiritual growth. The more you become more like Christ, the more time you spend serving the Lord and sharing his happiness.

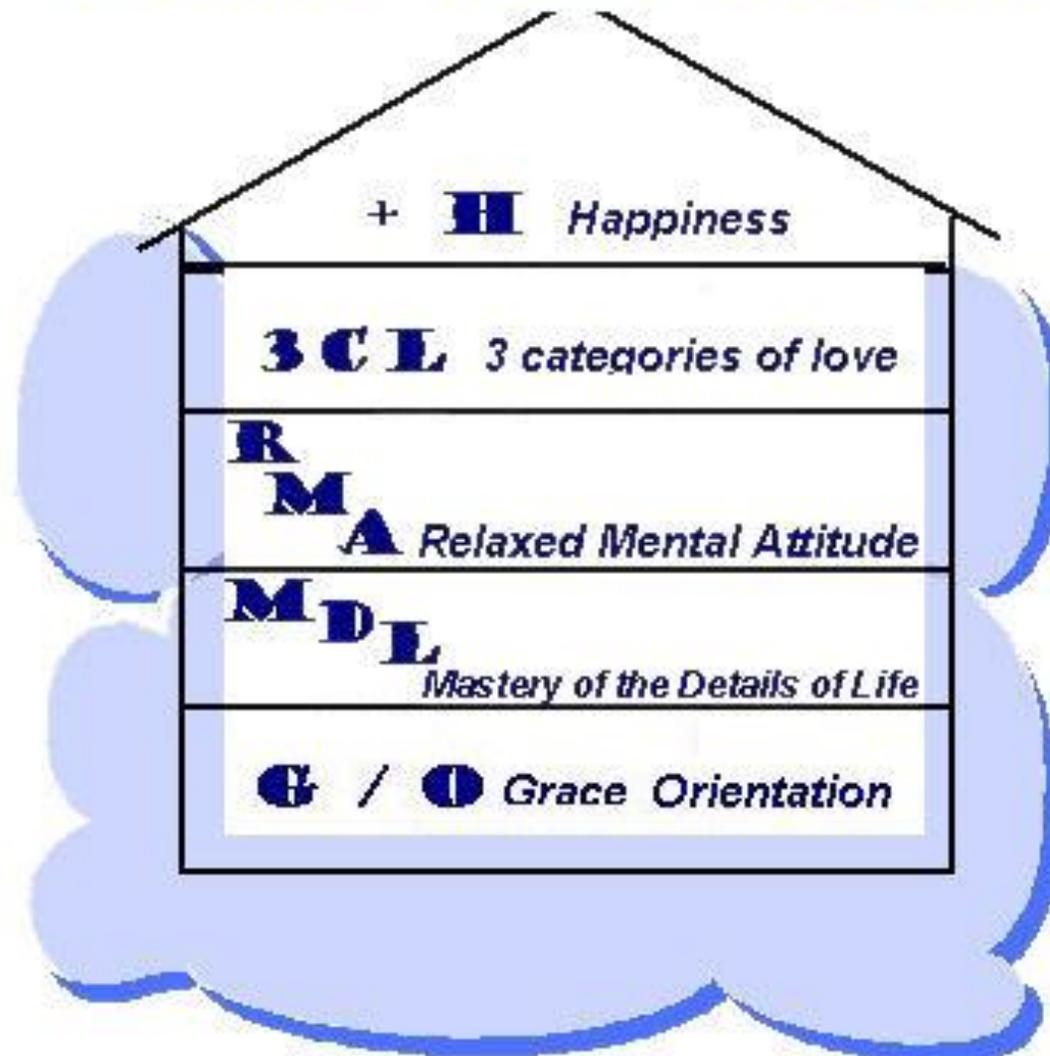
### Something old, Something new

The moment you accept Christ as savior, God does some 40 things for you in phase 2. One thing he doesn't do is remove your sin nature. When you were saved, God blotted out all of those sins you have committed but the OSN still tempts you to continue. God despises that condition.

A Christian's life should operate on the basis of being filled with the Holy Spirit, not by being controlled by the OSN.

This is where the recovery technique called "Rebound" is necessary to restore our spiritual status, so we can have full fellowship with God. We now have a choice not to give in to the OSN.

# EDIFICATION COMPLEX OF THE SOUL



## Three Categories of Love

Category	Toward	Greek Word
<b>CATEGORY 1</b>	<b>Toward God</b> Conditional Love	Phileo
<b>CATEGORY 2</b>	<b>Toward Spouse</b> Conditional Love / Unconditional Love / Physical Love	Phileo Agape Eros
<b>CATEGORY 3</b>	<b>Toward Friends</b> Conditional Love Unconditional Love	Phileo Agape

Conditional love depends on the attractiveness and attributes of the object, the one who is loved.

Unconditional love depends on the character of the subject, the one who does the loving.

## Phase 3 - Eternity

### 1 John 3:2

2) Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet, what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

We have a promise of things to come. We may not be able to physically see him yet, and we still operate with an OSN, but when he returns, we will get a resurrection body, (absent of the OSN, Pain, Suffering or unholy attributes) like his and will see him fully as he is.

Won't it be amazing to see Jesus Christ just as he is in his Glory and be with him for eternity?

God has amazing things available to the believer who endures till the end and grows in spiritual maturity. That means taking on Biblical knowledge and living a life as unto Christ until we see him at his return.

## Eternal Security

John 10:27-30.

27) My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

28) And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish  
neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

29) My Father, (who has given them to Me), is greater than all;  
and No one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

30) I and My Father are one." (Jesus Christ and God the father)



## A believer can lose his inheritance.

1 Cor. 6:9-11 9) Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit (kleronomeo, κληρονομέω) (v.fai) the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral nor idolators nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10) nor thieves nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit (kleronomeo, κληρονομέω) the kingdom of God

But then verse 11....

11) And that is *what some of you were*. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the spirit of our God.

This is not about salvation, it's current believers!

Κληρονομέω means to come into possession of. This is something that requires a work. (Experiential Sanctification)

Our Justification is by faith alone.

We cannot lose our justification, but we can fail to see the inheritance of the kingdom and the rulership over it with Christ.

There is no reason to assume that **entering the kingdom** and **living there** is the same as **owning it and ruling in it**. The heirs of the kingdom are its owners and rulers and not just its residents. In other words, salvation is **not changeable** but our inheritance in the kingdom of God **can change**.

The sins mentioned in **1 Cor. 6**, does not mean a believer who has committed one of these sins will not enter heaven. Paul specifically says they are saved in **vs. 11**, but their continuation in these sins (Carnality) will cause them to lose out on the ability to own/co-reign with Christ in Heaven.

This believer can still confess these transgressions to God and restore his relational status with God.

Remember the circles ? Justification is permanent, but Sanctification is an ongoing process in our lives. That's why we endure to the end.

It's a relational status that we work on in time.

Now to Inherit the kingdom works in the same way.

In the old testament, God's chosen people were promised an Inheritance, (a possession), in this case, the land of Canaan. It is evident in numerous OT passages that Israel would only be successful in their conquest and acquisition of the land of Canaan if they trusted God and obeyed God's Mosaic law completely. Not only could inheritance be gained by obedience, but it could also be lost by disobedience. (Deut 28:1-14 Blessings 15-68 Curses) for the Jews Moses himself never received this land. Only Caleb and Joshua out of 2 million actually received this inherited land.

Now this is not the same as Inheriting as in Heaven, where we become Metachoi, (Co-reign with Christ) in the future.

The very usage of the word "inherit" instead of "enter" in these passages suggests that more than just entrance is meant.

The phrase "inherit the kingdom" has occurred several times in the bible. We find the phrase in Mt. 25:34; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 15:50; Gal. 5:21; and Eph. 5:5. In addition, the phrase "inherit the land" is found in Mt. 5:5. In each instance we find that in order to inherit the kingdom, there must be some work done or certain character traits, such as immorality, must be absent from our lives. The fact that such conditions are necessary suggests that the term is not to be equated with Entering the kingdom which is available to all, freely, On the basis of faith alone.

Another reference to the inheritance is found in Ephesians 1:13-14. *And you also were included in Christ, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession..to the praise of his glory.*

The inheritance here is unmistakably Heaven. It is an inheritance that goes to those who have believed. All Christians are heirs of God, but not all heirs of the kingdom and joint heirs with Christ. The context here is life in Heaven with God.

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The Bible says in *Romans 3:21-28*

21) But now apart from the law, the **righteousness of God** has been manifested, **being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets**,  
22) even the **Righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ** for all those **who believe**; for there is no distinction (Jew or Gentile);  
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 (satisfaction)** in his blood through **faith**. This was to demonstrate his righteousness, because in the **forbearance (tolerance)** of God he passed over the sins previously committed;  
26) for the demonstration, I say, of his righteousness at the present time, so that **he would be just** and the **justifier** of the one who **has faith in Jesus**. 27) Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of Law? Of works? No, but by a law of **Faith**. 28) For we maintain that a man is justified by **faith apart from works of the law**.

## Not Carnality But Christ

(Col. 3:1-11)

- 1) If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
- 2) Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
- 3) For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4) When Christ who is in our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.
- 5) Therefore, put to death (v. aam) your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
- 6) Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,
- 7) in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

- 8) But now you, yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.
- 9) Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,
- 10) and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- 11) where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

You are Justified in Christ! Now put away your old ways and focus on the things from above. We are a new creature. These things aren't a suggestion.....they are commanded!