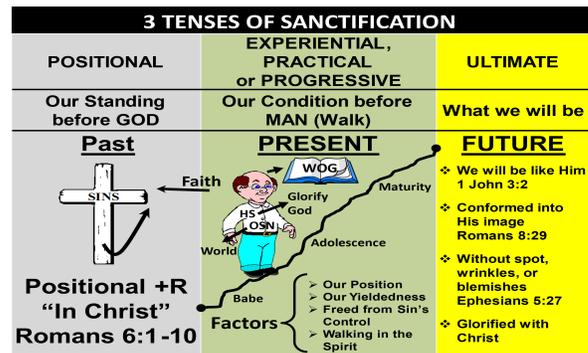
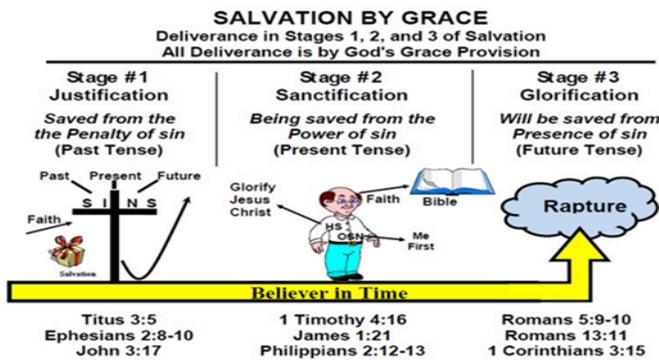


## MUST I LIVE A HOLY LIFE, REPENT FROM MY SINS, ETC. TO BE JUSTIFIED? {What Must I NOT Do to be Saved? Pt. 1}

Justification does not mean to make a person righteous {this is practical sanctification}, nor to merely pardon or forgive a guilty sinner {though justification involves this} but it is a legal or judicial act of God by which He announces as a judge that the believer in Christ is now **DECLARED RIGHTEOUS** before God.

- A. The **EXPLANATION** of JUSTIFICATION BEFORE GOD by GOD’S GRACE. (3:21-26)
- B. The **CONCLUSIONS** regarding JUSTIFICATION BEFORE GOD. (3:27-31)
- C. The **EXAMPLES** of JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH APART FROM WORKS. (4:1-8)

What are some of the **WRONG RESPONSES** to the Gospel Today?



### Faith in Christ PLUS ...

#### 1) Be HOLY; don't SIN too much. {Romans 6:1-2, 14-15}

- Is there any sin that a believer can commit after justification that has not been paid for by Jesus Christ and forgiven by God? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is justification by God's grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone a license to sin and live irresponsibly? \_\_\_\_\_ It actually gives the absolute assurance to the believer in Christ that he / she has been justified before God {Rom. 3:21-4:8} and is accepted in Christ forever {Eph. 1:6-7} which then can motivate them out of love for Jesus Christ to live for Him apart from a law-oriented, performance-based perspective. {2 Cor. 5:14-15}
- What must you understand between your position in Christ and your daily walk or practice? Your position in Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ as you have \_\_\_\_\_ through your identification with Jesus Christ for the purpose that you \_\_\_\_\_ now \_\_\_\_\_ in newness of life. {Romans 6:1-4}
- What must you distinguish between your spiritual birth, eternal security, and spiritual growth? While spiritual **BIRTH** is a \_\_\_\_\_, non-repeatable event that occurs the moment of faith in Jesus Christ alone that guarantees God's grace and power keeping you as God's \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_, your spiritual **GROWTH** is an ongoing process over time that involves ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ the pure milk of the \_\_\_\_\_ & then to walk by faith in order to grow in grace. {1 Peter 1:3-5, 13-19, 23-25, 2:1-3}

**Clarification:** While God desires all believers to live a holy life as a \_\_\_\_\_ of being saved, it is not the means of obtaining or maintaining salvation; otherwise, salvation would not be by God's \_\_\_\_\_ but by our \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Peter 1:3-5, 13-19, 23-25, 2:1-3; 2 Peter 3:17-18)

## 2) REPENT / FEEL SORRY / TURN from your sins.

What does the word “repent / repentance” {metanoeo, metanoia} actually mean and not mean? {Jonah 3:9, 10, 4:2; Amos 7:3, 6; 2 Cor. 7:8-10}

The Greek word for “repent / repentance” {in the NT} is “metanoeo / metanoia” and it means a ‘\_\_\_\_\_’. (Luke 16:30-31). It is different from the Greek word “metamelomai” which means “regret” or “remorse” though translated as “repent” in the KJV in certain verses. (Matt. 27:3; 2 Cor. 7:8-10). Why is there such a misunderstanding & mistranslation of these words?

REPENTANCE is **not** necessarily connected with your \_\_\_\_\_ {context determines what the object of repentance is}; it does **not** mean ‘\_\_\_\_\_’ {though it might lead to or accompany salvation}. It is important to remember that sorrow can \_\_\_\_\_ repentance, \_\_\_\_\_ repentance, or \_\_\_\_\_ repentance, but sorrow is \_\_\_\_\_ repentance and can occur without any \_\_\_\_\_ element involved. It does **not** mean ‘\_\_\_\_\_’ – did God turn from His sins when He repented? {He had none!} It does **not** mean “a \_\_\_\_\_ to turn from sins”. Also, it does **not** mean a \_\_\_\_\_ {though that may or may not be the fruit of it – Luke 17:3-4}

What is crucial to consider in understanding the **correct meaning or nuance** of “repentance” in any passage? \_\_\_\_\_! {Heb. 12:17; Acts 8:22; 2 Tim. 2:24-25}

**Repentance and faith are closely related**, but are they always the same identical thing? \_\_\_\_\_ {Acts 20:21; Heb. 6:1; Matt. 12:41, Jonah 3:5; Acts 10:43, 11:17-18} While repentance is \_\_\_\_\_ in **BELIEVING**, faith in Christ is **not** always inherent in \_\_\_\_\_ - as it depends on the context.

There is repentance \_\_\_\_\_ salvation for **unbelievers** {Acts 17:30-31}, \_\_\_\_\_ salvation for those who choose to **trust in Jesus Christ alone** {Luke 13:3,5, 24:46-49; Acts 9:1-6}, and there is to be punctuated repentance \_\_\_\_\_ salvation for **believers** regarding sin, human viewpoint, living by grace, etc. as part of daily fellowship with God and spiritual growth {2 Cor. 7:8-10, 12:20-21; 2 Timothy 2:24-25; Heb. 6:6; Rev. 2:5, 3:3, 19-20}.

Repentance is repeatedly found in the **ACTIVE VOICE** because we have a \_\_\_\_\_ in repentance or changing our minds as we can resist the truth God is showing us.

**Clarification: The issue at salvation / justification is not “repenting of your sins” {though we have many} but \_\_\_\_\_ about the SAVIOR who died for your sins so as to \_\_\_\_\_ in His finished work ALONE {Luke 13:1-5; John 3:14-18; book of John, Romans, Galatians; 2 Peter 3:9}. However, repentance ‘from sin’ does have a place \_\_\_\_\_ justification in the believer’s life as part of the process of practical \_\_\_\_\_.** (2 Cor. 7:8-11; 12:20-21; Rev. 2:5)

## 3) ASK OR INVITE JESUS INTO YOUR HEART. (John 1:12; Gal. 4:6)

**Clarification:** \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture are we told to ask/invite Jesus Christ into our hearts for He \_\_\_\_\_ comes in the moment we trust in Christ alone as presented in the Gospel {Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27} as does the Holy Spirit {Eph. 1:13}. To ask Jesus into your heart \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel as you do not ask for a free gift that God desires you to possess at infinite cost by the sacrifice of His Son. How do you explain Revelation 3:20?

## 4) GIVE YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST.

**Clarification: This condition is \_\_\_\_\_ found in the Word of God as salvation is NOT obtained by giving [your money, your commitment, or your life] but by \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ and the gift of salvation through FAITH in CHRIST alone. (John 1:12; Rom. 5:11, 17; Col. 2:6)**

Some closing clarification if you have done or been confused regarding any of the above: