

## THEOLOGICAL DEFINITIONS

Notes 

### 03. "Justification"

**"God's declaration: You are righteous because you have asked Christ to be your Lord and Savior."**

*"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV)*

*"just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: {7} "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; {8} Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin." (Romans 4:6-8 NKJV)*

The only way to gain God's declaration of righteousness is to have faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.

- God gives you Christ's righteousness.
- God justifies you by declaring He will not blame you for what you did because Jesus took the blame.
- You are declared to be entitled to all the advantages and rewards that come from obedience to God's righteous requirements (Romans 8:1 & 2).

#### BUZZ WORDS

1. Declaration
2. Righteous

*"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. {9} Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." (Romans 5:8-9 NKJV)*

### 04. "Sanctification"

**"To be separated *from* evil and set apart *to* God"**

**"To progressively realize our potential *in* Christ"**

Sanctification is the process of bringing our fallen human nature ("the old man") progressively under the influence of our born-again nature ("the new man"). Sanctification is an act of God's grace. We cannot sanctify ourselves, for that would be works, not grace. Our proper response then, is to commit to His Lordship in every area of our lives. Only then will we be changed through the application of His Word, and by the power of His Spirit. Complete sanctification is not possible in this life, but we can become more like Him and less like the world every day.

*"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? {20} For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV)*

#### TWO CONDITIONS FOR SANCTIFICATION

##### 1. FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD

Faith secures our union with Christ, which is accomplished in our new birth (Galatians 2:20). Faith makes the life-changing power of His living Word come alive in us.

##### 2. A WILLINGNESS TO SUBMIT TO CHANGE

Willingness to change requires having a teachable heart.

#### BUZZ WORDS

1. To separate from evil
2. Realize your Potential
3. Progressive

**Study these Scriptures:**  
**ROMANS 6:13**  
**Eph. 5:22-24**  
**Col. 3:10**