

Justification and Sanctification – 2 wonderful gifts from God our Savior

Justification	Sanctification
I am Saved!	I am being Saved!
Something to Believe	Something to Do
Objective Fact	Subjective Feelings
Released from Sin's Penalty	Being Released from Sin's Power
Change in my Legal Status	Change in my Lifestyle
A Possession	A Progression
What God does for me	What God does in me
Imputed Righteousness	Imparted Righteousness
Put in His Church	Protection for your church
Enlisted into His Service	Endure until you see Him
Christ dying for my sins on cross	Christ at work in me by Holy Spirit
Once and For All	One Day at a Time
Declared Holy	Developing in Holiness
“how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard” Hebrews 2.3	“He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him” Hebrews 5.9

Knowing these wonderful, yet distinct, works of God will help us...

Confidence even when we fall in sin if we are in Christ

Justified believers are not yet fully sanctified. We are standing in grace, but struggling by grace. We must strive not to sin, but not be surprised by our sin. If you are in Christ, He will finish the work of salvation He has begun in you.

Communicate the Gospel clearly as a Gift of Grace

Every religion can be summarized with the 2-letter word, “Do!” – prayers, penance, pilgrimages, payments... Jesus who rose in victory from the death on a cross declares, “Done!” Even the faith to believe and repent are gifts, ask Him! He is mighty and eager to save. Invite the world to come to Him and be saved!

Celebrate the Salvation of our God!

We have a Father who planned our salvation before the world was created. We have a Savior who fully purchased our salvation by His blood and righteousness. We have a Spirit whose power enables us to walk with God, and get up when we fall down, until we meet our great God in glory! Rejoice and give Him praise!