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Justification, Sanctification, and Salvation – Understanding the Relationship

Many believers today wrestle with understanding the relationship between justification, sanctification, and salvation. Are they all the same? Do they depend on our faith, our behavior, or both? And how do they work together in the life of a disciple of our Messiah? In this brief teaching, we’ll seek to bring clarity by turning to the whole counsel of Scripture.

Justification

Justification is a legal declaration by God that addresses our standing before him—it resolves man’s legal problem before God: sin and death. Sin, defined as breaking the law of God (1 John 3:4), is our offense; death is the penalty (Genesis 2:17; Romans 6:23). Before faith, our status is condemned—guilty and deserving of death (Ephesians 2:1–3). We fall short of our purpose: to glorify and love God by walking in his ways (Ecclesiastes 12:13; Deuteronomy 10:12–13).

Justification is not a change in behavior but a change in status. Scripture teaches that we are all justified by faith—faith in what our Savior has done, not in our own works (Titus 3:5; Galatians 2:16). As Paul writes:

Romans 3:28

[For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.](#)

Justification is the foundation by which we can stand before God and be declared righteous (Romans 5:1). It is the means by which we rightly receive the gift of salvation (Ephesians 2:8–9). True faith is trust in his promises, in the atoning work of the Messiah (Romans 4:20–25; Isaiah 53:11), and in the truth of the entire Word of God. That kind of faith produces a desire to walk in God’s instructions—part of that very same Word—thereby loving him as he desires to be loved:

1 John 5:2–3

[By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his](#)

commandments. **For this is the love of God**, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are **not burdensome**.

When we truly love someone, doing what they ask is not a burden but a joy. In the same way, our love for God is revealed when we delight in keeping his commandments, not seeing them as a burden but as a blessing.

This naturally leads us into the topic of sanctification.

Sanctification

Sanctification is the ongoing process that follows justification. It is the fruit that grows from the root of faith (John 15:5). While it glorifies God and reveals his character to the world (Matthew 5:16), it also serves as evidence—to ourselves and to others—of a transformed life (1 John 2:3–6). It is how we grow into the likeness of our Savior, walking in obedience, love, endurance, and humility (Romans 8:29; Galatians 5:22–23).

Matthew 7:16

You will recognize them by their fruits.

Sanctification helps confirm whether our justification was real. If we are truly justified, sanctification will follow. If it does not, we are called to examine ourselves:

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.

Salvation

Salvation is the final outcome—deliverance from sin and death and entrance into eternal life. Justification secures it, and sanctification displays it. Sanctification is not the cause of salvation, but it is the necessary result.

Romans 6:22

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

This verse confirms the full sequence: freedom from sin (justification), obedience (sanctification), and eternal life (salvation).

These three—justification, sanctification, and salvation—are inseparable. Justification is the cause, sanctification is the evidence, and salvation is the final result (Philippians 2:12–13; Hebrews 5:9).

Understanding this connection allows us to walk in both grace and truth. We trust in the finished work of the Messiah for our justification. We obey God's law in the power of the Spirit for our sanctification (Ezekiel 36:27). And we look forward to the salvation to come—the resurrection and eternal life in his Kingdom (1 Peter 1:3–5; Revelation 21:7).

We hope that you have been blessed by this teaching, and remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom.

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