

SERMON HANDOUT for April 16, 2023



Sermon Series: The Elephant In The Room

SEE YOUR LIFE AS THE LORD SEES YOU

Romans 5:1-2 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

Man has a SIN problem!

† John 8:32 NKJV

† John 14:6 NKJV

Bad News: Me/You/All Mankind - stained with sin.

Good News: You/Me/All Mankind can know the TRUTH and the TRUTH will make you free.

THREE TRUTHS TO help us to see our life as the LORD sees:

1) JUSTIFICATION is a JUDICIAL _____

Bad News: Man's Sin Problem

† Romans 3:10 NKJV

† Romans 3:23 NKJV

† Ephesians 2:1-3 NKJV

Good News: **BUT GOD!**

† Ephesians 2:4 NKJV

† **Romans 5:1-2 NKJV**

- ¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace
in which we stand,
and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

a) Justification is a **legal/judicial term**.

Definition: Justification is a gracious work of God through Jesus Christ on behalf of lowly, undeserving sinners whereby we are "DECLARED" righteous before Him through faith.

Bad News: Justification ONLY applies to those who place their faith in Jesus Christ.

Good News: If you have not placed faith in Jesus Christ – you can TODAY!

b) Justification is a **PAST TENSE term** "Been Redeemed."

One Instant in Time (Romans 3:24, 28; 5:1, 9; Galatians 2:15-17)

2) SANCTIFICATION IS AN ASSISTED _____

Present Tense Term – Being Redeemed (Romans 8:1-4)

John 17:19 NKJV

Definition: (Grudem) Sanctification is a *progressive* work of God **and** man that makes us more and more free from sin and more and more like Christ in our actual lives.

a) DETERMINATION

(Justification is a Declaration)– What Christ does FOR US, Positioned us IN HIM based on our faith.

Sanctification is our DETERMINATION – What we *determine* to do FOR CHRIST!

Sanctification is about how we CHOOSE to live BECAUSE of our position in Christ.

What about sin?

Bad News: If left to ourselves, we would most likely CHOOSE sin.

Good News: When faith in Christ, we are NOT left to ourselves, we are ASSISTED!

b) ASSISTED

- Justification means you have been FREED from the Penalty of Sin
- Sanctification means you have been FREED from the POWER of Sin

† John 14:16-17 NKJV

† Ephesians 5:18 NKJV (Evidence of Spirit-filled: Ephesians 5:19-21 NKJV)

† Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

3) GLORIFICATION IS A PREDETERMINED _____

Future Tense Term – Will be Redeemed

† Romans 8:30 NKJV

Glorification – is the Realization of God's Perfection

Justification means you have been FREED from the **PENALTY** of Sin

Sanctification means you have been FREED from the **POWER** of Sin

Glorification means you have been FREED from the **PRESENCE** of Sin

† Philippians 3:20 NKJV

† 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 NKJV

† 1 John 3:1-3 NKJV

Definition (Grudem): Will receive NEW RESURRECTION BODIES to be like HIS RESURRECTION BODY!

We will become just as Christ is!

Good News: with Glorification, there is NO BAD NEWS!

INVITATION: Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10