

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

SANCTIFICATION

Martin Luther said, “Sanctification - a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and more like Christ in our actual lives.”

“Justification” means that we are acquitted from our guilt of sin and legally declared innocent & righteous by a Holy God once we accept Christ as our Savior from the penalty of sin.

Romans 5:1 - Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:23-24 - For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, being justified freely By His grace through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ.

1. Yes No Having been **justified** is our legal standing of being saved even though we are sinners.
2. Yes No We are **justified** (saved) once in our life when we accept Christ as our Savior.
3. Yes No Having been **justified** is all God’s work.

1 Corinthians 6:11 - But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 1:2 - To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord..

There are different stages of sanctification. The word “sanctification means “to be set apart”, “to purify”, “to make holy”.

4. Yes No When a person first becomes a Christian, he/she becomes **sanctified**. (The answer is “yes”)

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 - For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain From sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess His own body in sanctification and honor.

5. Yes No A person only has to be sanctified once in life. (No)

OK, a person is sanctified the first time when they become a believer. For the rest of their lives, the Holy Spirit is working on us to

sin less and to act more like God wants us to (a sanctification process).

1 Thessalonians 5:23 - Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your Whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved mature & blameless until the Return of Jesus Christ.

6. ___Yes ___No Is a believer instantly & forever perfect & mature?

1 Peter 3:15 - But sanctify (set apart) the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a Defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope within you.

7. Explain how as the years of maturing pass (on-going sanctification), Our reasons for our hope in God get deeper & more helpful.

8. Have you noticed sanctification happening in your life? Explain Those changes and improvements.

Hebrews 13:12-13 - Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore, let us go forth to Him, outside the camp bearing His reproach.

9. ___Yes ___No It takes more maturity in our lives and continued growth to stand up for Christ to people who are not Interested in the things of God.

10. ___Yes ___No Has your spiritual life reach the point where you want it to be?

Philippians 2:12-13 - Therefore, my beloved ...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God Who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast & true to the Word of Life.

11. How do we live out the faith in God we say we have?

12. Why do we need to be lights in this world?

13. ___Yes ___No Do you think God wants us to be different from the ways of the world and live accordingly?

That difference that happens in our lives is called sanctification.