

## Justification and Sanctification

Sanctification happens after Justification. Sanctification is the process of one's life with Christ.

Justification is God crediting man his righteousness through faith in Jesus... Sanctification is God empowering that man to live up to that crediting.

"J" is your **introduction** to the Christian life... "S" is your **participation** in the Christian life.

"J" frees you from the **penalty** of sin... "S" frees you from the **power** of sin.

"J" **imputes** you righteousness... "S" **imparts** you righteousness.

"J" is your spiritual **position**... "S" is your spiritual **condition**.

"J" is the **truth** about your Christian life... "S" is the **proof** of your Christian life.

"J" **declares** that you're innocent... "S" **demonstrates** that you're innocent.

"J" **gets you in**... "S" **keeps you going**.

"J" is the **starting line**... "S" is the **race**.

"J" pertains to **legalities**... "S" pertains to **practicalities**.

"J" is your **standing** with Christ... "S" is your **walking** with Christ.

"J" is the **wedding**... "S" is the **marriage**.

"J" is a **happening**... "S" is a **process**.

"J" is like the **house closing**... "S" is like **moving in**.

"J" is the **transaction**... "S" is the **transformation**.

"J" is your spiritual **new birth**... "S" is your spiritual **new life**.

"J" **gets you saved**... "S" **keeps you saved**.

Both come from God, through Christ. Both are unearned gifts of grace. Neither can be accomplished by human effort. Both are accessed by faith... one is believing faith and the other is obedient faith. Jesus is in charge of both... Jesus took care of your Justification at the cross and Jesus is taking care of your Sanctification by his indwelling Spirit.