

Part 1: THE UNIQUE NATURE OF CHRIST'S DEATH

BIBLE READING

But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear or be disturbed,

¹⁵ but honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

¹⁶ However, do this with gentleness and respect, keeping your conscience clear, so that when you are accused, those who denounce your Christian life will be put to shame.

¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, after being put to death in the fleshly realm but made alive in the spiritual realm.

1 Peter 3:14-18 P1544

THE DEATH OF CHRIST IS THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Hebrews 9:22

It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Hebrews 10:4 p1555

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains by itself. But if it dies, it produces a large crop. John 12:24

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1. THE SOLEMN FACT OF CHRIST'S DEATH

Christ died...

2. THE UNIQUE NATURE OF CHRIST'S DEATH

(1) It was a sinless death... *the righteous*

The wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23.

He was without sin. Hebrews 4:15

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves. 1 John 1:8

(2) It was a sacrificial death... *for sins*

The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

(3) It was a substitutionary death... *for the unrighteous*

He was pierced for our(my) transgressions, he was crushed for our(my) iniquities; the punishment that brought us(me) peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are (I am) healed. Isaiah 53:5

(4) It was a sufficient death... *once for all*

But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Hebrews 9:25

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Hebrews 10:11-12

(5) It was a purposeful death... *to bring you to God*

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:19-22

(6) It was an intentional death... *according to his eternal purpose. Ephesians 3:11*

(7) It was a necessary death... *Salvation is found in no one else. Acts 4:12*

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men. 1 Timothy 2:5-6

(8) It was a voluntary death... *I lay down my life.* John 10:17

I lay down my life --only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. John 10:17-18

3. THE OUTCOME OF CHRIST'S DEATH

He was... made alive by the Spirit.

(1) That declared Him to be the Son of God

He was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead. Romans 1:4

(2) It also declared Him to be our Saviour

PART 2: JUSTIFICATION

BIBLE READING: Romans 3:19-26 p1489 NIV

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²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

²⁵ God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished

²⁶ — he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Romans 3:19-26 p1489 NIV

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HOW DOES THE DEATH OF CHRIST SAVE US?

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JUSTIFICATION

A. THE MEANING OF JUSTIFICATION

Dictionary Definition - Justify:

**To show to be just, right or reasonable
To supply good grounds for**

To space (type) to make the lines correct in length

In Theology: To free from blame

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3. Justification only ever happens to us ONCE

4. Justification is a LEGAL matter

**When we are justified, we are given a new status
A new standing with God
A new legal relationship with God.**

Justification is more than a pardon

In Justification, God throws away the file

B. THE METHOD OF JUSTIFICATION

(a) Freely By His Grace (Not Deserved)

We are justified freely by his grace. Romans 3:24

(b) By Faith (Not Earned)

A man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. Romans 3:28

No-one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law. Romans 3:20

(c) By His Blood

Since we have now been declared righteous (justified) by His blood, we will be saved through Him from wrath. Romans 5:9 p1492

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our Justification. Romans 4:25

(d) To Life

Through one righteous act there is life-giving justification for everyone. Romans 5:18 p1492

THE RESULT OF JUSTIFICATION

Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Also through Him, we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2 p1490

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REDEMPTION

To redeem means TO BUY BACK

Pawn Broker's Shop

We Were His In The First Place

THE SLAVE MARKET OF THE 1ST CENTURY

We are slaves

Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. John 8:34 p1323

WE'VE BEEN SET FREE BY JESUS

That's REDEMPTION!

If the Son sets you free, you really will be free. John 8:36 p1323

There is always a cost in redemption

WHAT DID IT COST JESUS TO SET US FREE?

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 1 Peter 1:18-19 p1542

WHAT WAS THE RANSOM PRICE?

He has died as a ransom to set them free. Hebrews 9:15 p1554

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45 p1348

WHAT HE HAS SET US FREE FROM?

- **Free from the punishment of sin. The death penalty**
- **Free from the power of sin**
- **Free from every bondage concerning Satan and sin**

THE JOY OF REDEMPTION

THE JOY OF RECOVERING WHAT WAS LOST

THE JOY OF BEING RECOVERED AFTER BEING LOST

OUR WILLING OBLIGATIONS

Obligation 1: Honour God With Your body

You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 p1456

Obligation 2: Become Slaves To Righteousness

But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. Romans 6:17-18 p1493

Obligation 3: Don't Abuse Your Freedom

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13 p1485

Obligation 4: Stand Firm

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1 p1484

BIBLE READING

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OUR WILLING OBLIGATION

We've been set free from slavery to sin and death in order to become voluntary slaves to Christ and righteousness.

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PROPITIATION

God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement. v25

PROPITIATION IN THE BIBLE

ROMANS 3:25

God presented Him as a propitiation (sacrifice of atonement) through faith in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. Romans 3:25 **p1489**

HEBREWS 2:17

Therefore He had to be like His brothers in every way, so that He could become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, to make propitiation (atonement) for the sins of the people. Hebrews 2:17 **p1547**

1 JOHN 2:2

He Himself is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world. 1 John 2:2 p1569

1 JOHN 4:10

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ATONEMENT

To atone – To make amends. Collins Dict.

Atonement – Satisfaction given for wrongdoing. Collins Dict.

Atonement – To cover, cancel, satisfactory reparation for an offence or injury; that which produces reconciliation (Exodus 30:16).

PROPITIATION

Propitiation is the act whereby someone's anger is either averted or satisfied - resulting in mercy being received in the case of it being averted or judgment in the case of it being satisfied.

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EXPIATION

Expiation is the removal of guilt by paying a ransom or offering an atonement to make amends.

Propitiation deals with the object of expiation, namely God, by appeasing His wrath.

THE SOURCE OF PROPITIATION

The Love Of God

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THE ONE WHO MAKES PROPITIATION

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THE PLACE WHERE PROPITIATION TAKES PLACE

The Cross

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THE REASON FOR PROPITIATION

Our Sins

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THE RECEPTION OF PROPITIATION

By Faith

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Part 5: HOW DOES SIN MATTER?

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What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply?

² Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

³ Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in a new way of life.

⁵ For if we have been joined with Him in the likeness of His death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of His resurrection.

⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that sin's dominion over the body may be abolished, so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin,

⁷ since a person who has died is freed from sin's claims.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him,

⁹ because we know that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will not die again.

Death no longer rules over Him.

¹⁰ For in light of the fact that He died, He died to sin once for all; but in light of the fact that He lives, He lives to God.

¹¹ So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, so that you obey its desires.

¹³ And do not offer any parts of it to sin as weapons for unrighteousness. But as those who are alive from the dead, offer yourselves to God, and all the parts of yourselves to God as weapons for righteousness.

¹⁴ For sin will not rule over you, because you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:1-14 p1492

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WRONG CONCLUSION

But where sin multiplied, grace multiplied even more ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace will reign through righteousness, resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:20-21 p1492

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OUR PART OF THE DEAL

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² The one who has the Son has life. The one who doesn't have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13

Therefore, no condemnation now exists for those in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

I assure you: Anyone who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life. John 5:24

OUR WRONG CONCLUSION

For if we deliberately sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire about to consume the adversaries. Hebrews 10:26-27

USE YOUR FREEDOM WELL

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Galatians 5:13

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For we know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that sin's dominion over the body may be abolished, so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin. Romans 6:6

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But thank God that, although you used to be slaves of sin, you obeyed from the heart that pattern of teaching you were transferred to, ¹⁸ and having been liberated from sin, you became enslaved to righteousness. Romans 6:17-18

But now, since you have been liberated from sin and have become enslaved to God, you have your fruit, which results in sanctification—and the end is eternal life! Romans 6:22

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

SIN MATTERS FOR RELATIONSHIP

HOW THE DEATH OF CHRIST SAVES US

Part 6: IMPUTATION

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BIBLE READING – Romans 4:1-11, 20-25 p1489

- ¹ What then can we say that Abraham, our physical ancestor, has found?
- ² If Abraham was justified by works, he has something to brag about—but not before God.
- ³ For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was **credited** to him for righteousness.
- ⁴ Now to the one who works, pay is not **considered** as a gift, but as something owed.
- ⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes on Him who declares the ungodly to be righteous, his faith is **credited** for righteousness.
- ⁶ Likewise, David also speaks of the blessing of the man God **credits (imputes)** righteousness to apart from works:
- ⁷ How joyful are those whose lawless acts are forgiven and whose sins are covered!
- ⁸ How joyful is the man the Lord will never **charge (impute)** with sin!
- ⁹ Is this blessing only for the circumcised, then? Or is it also for the uncircumcised? For we say, Faith was **credited** to Abraham for righteousness.
- ¹⁰ In what way then was it **credited**—while he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while he was circumcised, but uncircumcised.
- ¹¹ And he received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while still uncircumcised. This was to make him the father of all who believe but are not circumcised, so that righteousness may be **credited (imputed)** to them also.
- ²⁰ He did not waver in unbelief at God's promise but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,
- ²¹ because he was fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.
- ²² Therefore, it was **credited (imputed)** to him for righteousness.
- ²³ Now it was **credited (imputed)** to him was not written for Abraham alone,
- ²⁴ but also for us. It will be **credited (imputed)** to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.
- ²⁵ He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Romans 4:1-25

What's that word IMPUTE?

It's used 6 times in the King James Translation but 11 times here in the Greek.

We'll find out what it means as we go.

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TO IMPUTE - to attribute, to ascribe, to consider as belonging to, to count, to account, to reckon.

When we compute, we reckon an answer to a mathematical question.

When we impute, we reckon something about a person.

SYNONYMS: To attribute, to ascribe, to reckon, to credit

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Romans 4:8

How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit! Psalm 32:2

IMPUTE is a banking term. It means to deposit to one's account.

1. I could ignore it

2. I could work like crazy to try to make it good with lots of deposits

3. I could burn the statements as they come

JESUS TAKES OVER MY DEBT

He who had no sin became sin for us. Our sin was accounted to him.

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them... ²¹ He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:19-21

He was numbered with the transgressors, for he bore the sin of many.

He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many... Isaiah 53:12

He became poor to make us rich.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

JESUS GIVES ME HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

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HOW THE DEATH OF CHRIST SAVES US

Part 7: **ADOPTION**

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BIBLE READING

All those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, ¹⁷ and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—seeing that we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. Romans 8:14-17 p1495

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ADOPTION

ARE WE BORN OR ADOPTED?

I assure you: Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God...⁷ you must be born again. John 3:3, 7

IF ADOPTED, ARE WE SECOND CLASS?

WHAT DOES ADOPTION MEAN?

Adoption does not talk about how we get into God's family. It talks about our privileges once we are in the family.

REFERENCES TO ADOPTION IN THE BIBLE

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2. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. Romans 8:23 p1495
3. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the temple service, and the promises. Romans 9:4 p1496

This is what The Lord says: Israel is My firstborn son. Exodus 4:22 p138

The LORD was devoted to you and chose you, not because you were more numerous than all peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.⁸ But because the LORD loved you and kept the oath He swore to your fathers, He brought you out with a strong hand and redeemed you from the place of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.⁹ Know that Yahweh your God is God, the faithful God who keeps His gracious covenant loyalty for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commands. Deuteronomy 7:7-9 p305

4. God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,⁵ to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4-5 p1483

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26 p1483

And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29 p1483

5. He predestined us to be adopted through Jesus Christ for Himself, according to His favor and will, Ephesians 1:5 p1524

We have redemption in Him through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace⁸ that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1:7-8 p1524

When you believed in Him, you were also sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.¹⁴ He is the down payment of our inheritance (a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance NIV). Ephesians 1:13-14 p1524

Look at how great a love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children. And we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it didn't know Him.² Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him because we will see Him as He is.³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself just as He is pure. 1 John 3:1-3 p1570

Greek word means – To place as adult sons

The law, then, was our guardian until Christ, so that we could be justified by faith.²⁵ But since that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian,²⁶ for you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:24-26 p1483

THE OTHER SIDE OF ADOPTION - OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Be good children

That way, we minimize discipline

The Lord disciplines the one He loves and punishes every son He receives.⁷ Endure suffering as discipline: God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is there that a father does not discipline?⁸ But if you are without discipline—which all receive—then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Hebrews 12:6-8 p1558

HOW THE DEATH OF CHRIST SAVES US

Part 8: ASSURANCE - EASTER SUNDAY 5/4/15

ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE

I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

WHOEVER HAS THE SON HAS LIFE

God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:11-12

IF WE ACCEPT THE SON WE HAVE LIFE

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him. John 3:36

ETERNAL LIFE STARTS THE MOMENT WE BELIEVE

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. [John 5:24](#)

NO ONE CAN SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY HAND

My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish—ever! No one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. John 10:27-29

JOHN'S PURPOSE – SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW...

I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

WHEREIN LIES OUR ASSURANCE?

I assure you: Anyone who believes in me has eternal life. John 6:47

WHAT IS BELIEVING?

You believe that God is one; you do well. The demons also believe—and they shudder. James 2:19

Jesus, however, would not entrust Himself to them, since He knew them all John 2:24

I assure you: Anyone who entrusts themselves to me has eternal life. John 6:47

EVIDENCES THAT WE ARE SAVED

Evidence 1: Truthful dealing with God

If we say, “We have fellowship with Him,” yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth.

⁷ But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:6-9

Evidence 2: Obedience

³ This is how we are sure that we have come to know Him: by keeping His commands.

⁴ The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” yet doesn't keep His commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly in him the love of God is perfected. This is how we know we are in Him:

⁶ The one who says he remains in Him should walk just as He walked. 1 John 2:3-6

Evidence 3: Love in the heart

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. 1 John 2:9

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 1 John 3:14

Love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

Evidence 4: Separation from the world

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 1 John 2:15

Evidence 5: Continuance in the faith

They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. 1 John 2:19

Evidence 6: Purification

All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 1 John 3:3

This is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:2-4

Evidence 7: A clear conscience

Dear friends, if our conscience doesn't condemn us, we have confidence before God 1 John 3:21

Evidence 8: Answers to prayer

Dear friends, if our conscience doesn't condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and can receive whatever we ask from Him because we keep His commands and do what is pleasing in His sight. 1 John 3:21-22

Evidence 9: Adherence to the truth

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1

Evidence 10: A holy familiarity with God

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:16-19

You received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father!” Romans 8:15

JOHN’S PURPOSE AGAIN... THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE, AND BY BELIEVING, KNOW...

I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

HOW THE DEATH OF CHRIST SAVES US

Part 9: SANCTIFICATION

12/4/15

BIBLE READING

The Call To Sanctification

¹ Finally then, brothers, we ask and encourage you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have received from us how you must walk and please God—as you are doing—do so even more.

² For you know what commands we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

³ For this is God's will, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality,

⁴ so that each of you knows how to control his own body in sanctification and honor,

⁵ not with lustful desires, like the Gentiles who don't know God.

⁶ This means one must not transgress against and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger of all these offenses, as we also previously told and warned you.

⁷ For God has not called us to impurity but to sanctification.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 p1445

He justifies us

He redeems us

He propitiates for us

He adopts us

He imputes for us

He assures us

He sanctifies us

Those who are saved are called those who are sanctified

And now I commit you to God and to the message of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all who are sanctified.
Acts 20:32

The sanctified ones are called saints.

To God's church at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus and called as saints, with all those in every place who call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord—[both] their Lord and ours. 1 Corinthians 1:2

To sanctify is to set apart. Same as to be made holy

Therefore Jesus also suffered... so that He might sanctify (set apart) the people by His own blood. Hebrews 13:12

He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for Himself a people for His own possession, eager to do good works. Titus 2:14

DEFINITION: Sanctification is the continuing working of the Holy Spirit by which He purifies the sinner and renews his whole nature in the image of God.

This is the will of God, even your sanctification. 1 Thessalonians 4:3

For this is God's will v3

Your sanctification

That you abstain from sexual immorality

⁷ For God has not called us to impurity but to sanctification. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 p1445

SANCTIFICATION - JUSTIFICATION

And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:11

1. In Justification, God declares that we are right with Him.

In Sanctification, God declares that we belong to Him.

2. Justification takes place outside of us

Sanctification takes place within us

3. Justification is a once-for-all act

Sanctification is a never ending process

4. Justification is something that God does

Sanctification is something in which we co-operate with God

SANCTIFICATION CONSISTS OF 2 PARTS

1. The gradual removal of the pollution and corruption of human nature - though never perfectly in this life.

2. The gradual development of a life completely consecrated to God.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Matthew 7:16

A good tree can't produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit. Matthew 7:18

OUR COOPERATION

I am using a human analogy because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you offered the parts of yourselves as slaves to moral impurity, and to greater and greater lawlessness, so now offer them as slaves to righteousness, which results in sanctification. Romans 6:19

But now, since you have been liberated from sin and become enslaved to God, you have your fruit, which results in sanctification —and the end is eternal life! Romans 6:22

Our part

Therefore, dear friends, since we have such promises, let us cleanse ourselves from every impurity of the flesh and spirit, completing our sanctification in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 7:1

Finally then, brothers, we ask and encourage you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have received from us how you must walk and please God—as you are doing —do so even more. 1 Thessalonians 4:1

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely. And may your spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23