

Scripture: Romans 6
Singing: 130:1-5 – 179:1-4 – 66:1-4 – 32:1-4

CoF: art 24 (2)

**Gift of Faith in Jesus will not only bring you justification
but also sanctification (2)**

I. God's gracious gift of faith in Jesus never leaves you as it finds you

A. The Lord's gift of salvation is to make us *holy like He is holy*

1. Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 36:26-27; Titus 2:13-14; Eph. 2:22

II. God's gracious gift of faith in Jesus will unleash His power within you

A. When united by faith to Jesus, you are a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17; Rom 5:21)

1. You are given a new power or ability (John 15:4-5; Phil. 4:13)

B. Therefore sanctification is not a *new lifestyle* but a *new life* (Rom. 6:4-5)

1. It is a *resurrection from being dead to being alive*

2. God's grace excites you to practice the works God commands: Phil 2:15-16

- a. God's grace is not a cushion to sleep on

- b. God's grace is a power to live by (Romans 6:11-14; Phi. 2:15-16)

III. Yet don't expect to be completely sanctified wholly till you get to heaven

A. Though justification is complete on earth, sanctification is not till glory

1. The difference between 'observer' (Prov. 4:18) and 'insider' (Phil. 3:21)

B. Since sanctification is not complete till glory, let's learn from 2 Cor. 5:7

1. All saints begin like 'babes in grace' and need to be handled like babes

- a. Jesus' mentoring of His young followers: Mark 9:33

- b. heed Jesus' admonition on how to handle fellow believers: Matt. 7:1-5

- c. follow Paul's praising God for young believers: 2 Thess. 2:13; Col. 1:3

Reflections

- A. Learn that as a sinner every attempt *to make yourself better* without Jesus is like the attempt to make a stone breathe.
- B. Embrace the comfort: sanctification begun has the guarantee of glory!

Dear children,

The evening sermon have some 'big' words in it. Tonight's difficult words are '*jus-ti-fi-ca-tion*' and '*sanc-ti-fi-ca-tion*.' What do they mean?

- justification: *When a judge tells a person he or she is not guilty. God tells in His Word that each ungodly sinner who turns away from his or sin and place their trust in Jesus is justified (declared free from guilt).*
- sanctification: *This word means to make clean from all sin or to make one as holy as Jesus. God promises this as a gift also to all who come to Him as a needy and lost sinner.*

Here are a few questions. See if you can hear the answer in the sermon.

1. Right/Wrong:

- God's gift of grace is to be earned by being good.*
- Sanctification is like God buying an old house and then asking us to restore it.*
- A child of God is converting every day.*
- When saved, you become a new creature with new abilities through the Holy Spirit living in you.*
- To be saved by grace makes a person lazy to be good.*
- It is possible for a child of God to be perfect while on earth.*
- If you are saved, you begin your new life like an adult, able to do the right things right away.*

2. What does Jesus mean when He tells us *not to judge others*? Check Matt 7:1-5

3. Write two or three things to pray about what you heard today.