

Justification and Sanctification worksheet

Understanding justification and sanctification is essential for gospel progress. These Scriptures will help you understand the relationship of works to justification and sanctification. This worksheet seeks to vividly portray the Bible's disgust related to adding works to justification and thrill related to works and sanctification.

There is an astonishing shift in perspective regarding works from justification to sanctification. In justification good works are cursed by God. In sanctification good works are rewarded by God.

Justification: monergism, One Worker in Salvation

Justification is an instantaneous act legal act of god in which He 1) thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ's righteousness as belonging to us, and 2) declares us to be righteous in His sight.

-Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, p. 723

1) Who is the one who acts in salvation?

Only God acts

Rom. 8:29-30

Heb. 10:19-20

Col. 1:12

Col. 3:13-14

Eph. 2:4-5

Heb. 12:2

2) Do man's acts contribute to salvation?

Man cannot and does not act

Eph. 2:1

Eph. 2:8-9

1 Cor. 1:29-31

Rom. 5:6

2 Tim. 1:9

3) Is man justified by faith and works?

Man's works do not contribute to salvation

Isaiah 64:6

Rom. 3:24-28

Rom. 4:1-5

Titus 3:5

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4) Is there a relationship between works and justification?**No, in no way.****Good works are anathema**

Rom. 10:3-4

Rom. 11:6

Gal. 5:4

5) But doesn't man have to do something?**Faith and repentance are gifts from God, and are not the works of man so that no one will boast**

Eph. 2:8-9

2 Tim. 2:25

Acts 11:18

Sanctification: Two workers in spiritual growth

Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.

-Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, p. 746

1) Who is the worker in sanctification?**God and man work together**

Jude 20-25

Heb. 10:23

Phil. 2:12b,13

1 Cor. 15:10

Col. 1:29

2) What is the relationship between my works and my sanctification?**Yes, good works are a natural outflow in sanctification****Works are a main product of salvation**

Eph. 2:10

Titus 2:14

Titus 3:8

Heb. 12:14

Rom. 6:5-8

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3) Is good fruit an expectation of justification?**Good fruit is assumed for true believers**

Matt. 7:19-20

Matt. 13:18-23

Rm. 1:5

Luke 3:8

Acts 26:20

Titus 3:14

4) Is spiritual progress, development and abundance a New Testament norm?**Spiritual progress is expected**

1 Tim. 4:15

2 Pet. 1:8

1 Cor. 15:58

John 15:4-8

5) What about the person who says that they are a Christian and shows no fruit?**Those who do not exert themselves fall behind and may be subject to judgment**

1 Cor. 3:10-15

Heb. 5:10-11

Matt. 25:1-12

Mat. 25:26-28

2 Cor. 13:5

John 15:6

Summary: The carnal mind desires to add works to our justification and then neglect it for our sanctification. Human pride convinces us that we are able to put on a good showing for God and gain His relational acceptance through our efforts. Human apathy causes Christians to live with a spirit of lazy entitlement, because Christ has done it all.

What is the consequence?

If you think that you work to gain heaven you denigrate Christ and make yourself the author of salvation.

If you fail to recognize the essential role of works in sanctification you fail to glorify God and make much of our Savior.