

“We Are All In Process”

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“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as He is pure.” 1 John 3:1-3

*“Legalism says God will love us if we change. The Gospel says God will change us because He loves us.”
Tullian Tchividjian*

The Process of Our Salvation

1. We are **justified**, declared holy, by God the Father.

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- We are **positionally holy**, free from the **penalty** of sin

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...” Rom. 5:1

- Because we have been justified we have **peace and security**.

“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” Rom. 10:10

2. We are **being sanctified** by the work of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

“All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as He is pure...”

- We are **progressively holy**, free from the **power** of sin.

“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thess. 5:23

Two extremes to avoid:

1. Living in constant fear that God is angry about our failures. God is unapproachable.
 2. Living nonchalantly, not taking obedience and sin seriously. God is taken for granted.
- Because we are being sanctified we have **purpose and strength**.

3. We will be glorified when Jesus returns for us.

“What we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

- Glorification: We are **perfectly holy**, free from the **presence** of sin.

“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.” Ephesians 1:13-14

- Because we will be glorified we **rejoice in hope**.

*“And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also **glorified**.”* Rom. 8:30

