

KNOWING

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SALVATION

1 Thessalonians 5:23 – May God Himself sanctify you: spirit, soul and body.

Justification: occurs in the spirit of man

- Removes the **guilt** and **penalty** of sin
- An act done *for* us – once and **final**
 - Eph 1:13,14 & 1 Cor 1:22

Sanctification: occurs in the soul (mind, will, emotions) of man

- Removes the **growth** and **power** of sin
- A work done *in* us – ongoing process

Justification → Sanctification → Glorification (Ultimate Sanctification: 1 Thes 5:23)

MIND RENEWAL

Where and how do we begin?

- Get serious about scripture.
 - 2 Timothy 2:15 – “study”
- Develop a habit of memorizing key scripture.
 - Psalm 119:9-11
- Find someone to help you stay accountable.
 - 2 Timothy 3:14-15
- Learn to balance the *rhema* with the *logos*.
 - John 5:39,40

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Sanctification – Romans 6

Sanctification			
Knowing 6:3-10	Counting 6:11	Presenting 6:12-14	Obeying 6:15-18

What do you know? (6:3, 6, 9)

GINÖSKÖ (γινώσκω) – to be taking in knowledge, to come to know, recognize, understand, or to understand completely (EPIGINÖSKÖ).

GINÖSKÖ frequently indicates a relationship between the person knowing and the object known

MIND RENEWAL

Western teaching: philosopher – student

- Socrates—Plato—Aristotle

Primarily knowledge-based – I want to know what you know

Eastern teaching: rabbi – disciple (*talmid*)

- Primarily relationship-based – I want to be like you

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What do you know? (6:3, 6, 9)

- What is atonement?

“The normal Christian life must begin with a very definite 'knowing,' which is not just knowing something about the truth nor understanding some important doctrine. It is not an intellectual knowledge at all, but an opening of the eyes of the heart to see what we have in Christ.”

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heart.

- Personal, experiential
- Often leads to compassion, patience, emulation, LOVE

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What do you know? (6:3, 6, 9)

- What does Paul tell us we need to know?

1. v. 6 – We were crucified with Christ (Death)
 - Our body of sin was done away with!
 - We are no longer slaves to sin!
2. v. 9 – We have been resurrected with Christ (Life)
 - We have His life now living in us!
 - We too might walk in newness of life (v. 4)

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Sanctification

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Now, can you count? (6:11)

Where faith drops out, LOGIZOMAI is present.

LOGIZOMAI (λογίζομαι) log-id-zom-ah-ee

- “Consider” “Reckon” “Credited” “Numbered” “Account”
- It meant to impute or to credit to one's account
- “to count as fact”
- “to make a mental calculation”

- If I put 1000 dollars in my bank account, I have 1000 dollars in my bank account, from which I can make draws.

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Now, can you count? (6:11)

LOGIZOMAI is not claiming a promise, but acting upon a fact.

It's not make-believe. It's not getting yourself into an emotional froth or spiritual puree, or pretending something is true that you know is not true.

It's believing that what God has said He would do, He really did do, therefore it really is true, therefore you can count upon it, therefore you can stake your life upon it, therefore it's an actual fact on which you can stand.

Sanctification cannot occur if we don't stand firmly on the facts of what Christ did, who Christ is, and who we are new.