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What is sin? Romans 5:12
 When you think of "sin" what comes to mind?
 Usually we think of specific actions, but remember, wrong actions are always preceded by wrong thoughts.
 Unbelief (the antithesis of faith) is the root of sin – Heb. 12:2
 Sin – missing the mark, God's mark of perfection. Anytime I take my eyes off Jesus, I am "sinning" Jesus never, not once, took His eyes off His Father – the perfect life! – John 5:19
 Faith – fixing our eyes on Jesus – Romans 14:23
 Training our sense to discern faith and sin – 2 Cor. 10:5

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Sanctification: growing in grace as a result of conversion
 "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23 NAS

Justification (positional sanctification through Jesus: free gift)

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Sanctification – involves more than a mere moral transformation of character, brought about by the power of the Truth: it is the workings of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit bringing our whole nature (spirit, soul, and body) more and more under the influences of the new ownership of our spirit (justification) – all through faith – fixing our eyes on Jesus.

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<p>Justification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 3:21-5:21 • The Cross: His death • Substitution: He died for me • He died for my sins • He paid sin's penalty • Righteousness imputed (put to my account) • Saved by His death • An act done for us • Happens in the spirit of man • Removes the guilt and penalty of sin 	<p>Sanctification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 6-8 • The Resurrection: His Life • Identification: I died with Him • He died into sin • He broke sin's power • Righteousness imparted (made a part of my life) • Saved by His life • A work done in us • Happens in the soul of man • Removes the growth and the power of sin
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Get Busy Living, or Get Busy Dying

What is life?

- 1 John 1:1 – Jesus is the "Word of Life"
- 1 John 5:11,12 – whoever has Jesus has life
- John 1:1-5 – In Him was life
- John 5:24 – in Christ, we passed out of death and into life
- John 5:39,40 – in coming to Christ, we have life
- John 6:35 – Jesus is the "Bread of Life"
- John 7:38 – when we're in Jesus, from our innermost being will flow living water...
- John 10:10 – He came that we might have life abundant
- John 11:25-26 – Jesus is the life
- John 14:6 – Jesus is life.

Life and Light

- John 8:12 – Jesus is the light of life.
- John 12:35,36 – Become sons of light.
- 1 John 1:5-7 – God is light.

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Life verses Death: Light verses Dark

- 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 – The Spirit gives Life!
- Galatians 5:16-25 – the fruit of the Spirit is Life Abundant!

Cross → Faith alone → Resurrection

"Only He who really lived a human life (and I presume that only one did) can fully taste the horror of death." (C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity)