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Growing in my new identity

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The Results of Justification

What are the results of Justification?

1. We are at peace with God! (**Romans 5:1**)
2. We have constant access to God – prayer! (**v.2**)
3. We have hope – a future! (**v.2**)
4. We see troubles and difficulties as opportunities for our growth (**v.3-5**)
5. We have a deep and growing love of God (**v.5**)
6. We begin to walk with Him, in the power of His Spirit (**v.5**)

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Justification – God's declaration that I am righteous (set right, worth, value) because I am in Christ – all possible through His Grace and Mercy as a gift by faith!

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 unto 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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Romans 6–8 Paul's defense of justification by faith

The main objections:

- (1) "If God's grace abounds when we sin, then let's continue sinning so we might experience more grace" (**Rom. 6:1–14**)
- (2) "If we are no longer under the Law, then we are free to live as we please" (**Rom. 6:15–7:6**)
- (3) "You have made God's Law sinful" (**Rom. 7:7–25**)

We have only one nature! 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 4:22-24

Romans 6 – If we are "in Christ" then we have **died to sin**
Death is separation, not extinction!

1. Physical death is the separation of body from spirit
2. Spiritual death is the separation of a person from God
3. Death to sin is separation from the ruling power of sin in one's own life (**v.14**)

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“...we have to become familiar with the vocabulary of [Romans] and know what St. Paul means by the words law, sin, grace, faith, justice, flesh, spirit, etc. Otherwise there is no use in reading it.” **Martin Luther**

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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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“Faith ... is by its very nature scarcely conscious of its own existence. Like the eye which sees everything in front of it and never sees itself, faith is occupied with the Object upon which it rests and pays no attention to itself at all. While we are looking at God we do not see ourselves--blessed riddance. The man who has struggled to purify himself and has had nothing but repeated failures will experience real relief when he stops tinkering with his soul and looks away to the perfect One. While he looks at Christ the very things he has so long been trying to do will be getting done within him. It will be God working in him to will and to do.”

A.W. Tozer – Pursuit of God

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What is sin? **Romans 5:12**

All sin is an act of idolatry, the attempt to replace the Creator with someone or something else, usually one’s own self or one’s own creation.

Sin wants to be our master. It finds a foothold in our old nature, and through the old nature seeks to control the members of the body.

In Jesus Christ, we died to sin; and the old nature was crucified so that the old life is rendered inoperative.