

## The Three Stages of Salvation: Justification – Sanctification – Glorification Sanctification is Required and We Must Act Accordingly!

When we come to Christ in **faith**, by the grace of God we receive justification (see **Romans 3:24**), because of the blood of Jesus (see **Romans 5:9**). What does the word justification actually mean? Strong's concordance states:

### **G1344**

δικαιόω

dikaioō

dik-ah-yo'-o

From **G1342**; **to render** (that is, *show or regard as*) **just** or **innocent**: - free, justify (-ier), be righteous.

The word 'justified' is used elsewhere in the Bible, such as **Matthew 12:37** where it says we will be either justified or condemned, by our words. And **James 2:21** and **James 2:24**, where it says Abraham was justified by **both** works and faith - just as we are. So having **repented** of our sins and come to Christ, we start off in our new life with our **past** sins washed away (see **Romans 3:25**) and this is our initial justification. This is the **start** of our journey, we have been declared innocent of the repented of sins we committed in our past unbeliever's lives. We are now accessing the **means** to be saved. We are not saved **yet**! How do we know this? Here are two scriptures that show it (*there are others*):

**Romans 13:11** “And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our **salvation nearer than when we believed.**”

**1 Peter 1:9** “Receiving **the end** of your faith, even the **salvation** of your souls.”

There is a process that follows our initial justification, one of **sanctification**, which is what ultimately leads to our glorification. This is done by the power of the Holy Spirit working within us, we always have free will and we must **choose** to listen to the Holy Spirit and **obey** Him. Any sins that we commit once we have come to Christ, are still recorded by God, and we are only cleansed of them if we repent and confess them (see **1 John 1:7**, **1 John 1:9**, **1 John 2:1** and **Galatians 6:7**). **Acts 7:51** and **Ephesians 4:30** tell us that the Holy Spirit can be **resisted** and **grieved**. We never lose our free will. We have the living God inside our own bodies, which is an amazing thing, we must respect and honour Him:

**1 Corinthians 6:19** “What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own?**”

Let's look at the scriptures that talk of our sanctification and show that it's an action **on us** to ensure we **are** sanctified. We may not have the power to do it on our own, but that's why we have the Holy Spirit, to convict us and strengthen us, to be able to resist sin.

**1 Thessalonians 4:3-4** “For this is the will of God, even **your sanctification**, that ye should **abstain from** fornication: That every one of you should know how to **possess his vessel in sanctification**

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**and honour;”**

To abstain is where we make a choice to not do something, we are responsible for that, the Holy Spirit can't make that choice for us, or stop us committing that sin, He can only convict us and make us know it's wrong. We can then either resist doing it, or if we do it, to repent and confess it. Resisting, repenting and confessing are all required actions on us.

**1 Corinthians 1:30** “But of him are ye **in Christ Jesus**, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and **sanctification**, and redemption:”

**Romans 8:1** tells us that those who are “in Christ” are walking not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, and the word 'Spirit' is capitalised, showing us it's talking about the Holy Spirit. This is proof that we must heed the Holy Spirit and **not** our flesh. Therefore **1 Corinthians 1:30** is telling us, that only those who are allowing themselves to be led by the Holy Spirit are being sanctified. If we are **not** being sanctified, we are **not** on the path to salvation. **2 Corinthians 5:17** says that if we're “in Christ” we become a new creature, this means we change from the sinful kind of person we were before, it does **not** mean that God sees us as a new creature no matter what we do, it's our becoming sanctified that makes us new. And redemption doesn't happen until death or the rapture (see **Luke 21:28**, **Romans 8:23**, **Ephesians 1:14** and **Ephesians 4:30**).

**2 Thessalonians 2:13** “But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation **through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:**”

**John 17:18-19** “As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, **that they also might be sanctified through the truth.**”

It's really important to state here, that those believing false doctrines such as OSAS are not believing the truth. This study alone proves OSAS is false, but I have many other studies that also each make a watertight scriptural case against OSAS, I will link to some at the end. The scriptures are all truth for all believers. So anyone ignoring what any of the scriptures say, is not believing the truth and therefore not being sanctified.

**1 Peter 1:2** “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience** and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”

Obviously obedience is an action on us and is clearly what makes us sanctified.

**Acts 20:32** “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you **an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.**”

No sanctification means no inheritance of eternal life (see **Mark 10:17**, **Luke 10:25** and **Luke 18:18**).

**Acts 26:18** “To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them **which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**”

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We know from **Romans 3:24**, **Romans 3:28**, **Romans 5:1** and other verses, that faith in Jesus gives us our initial justification, and **Acts 26:18** is not saying faith alone is what sanctifies us. It's saying that sanctification will come by, or "through" faith, "by" is intended as "via" in this instance. And **1 Thessalonians 4:3-4** for example, has shown us that sanctification is by us heeding the Holy Spirit and making our thoughts, words and actions righteous. We must always take the whole counsel of God and not isolate scriptures and take the meaning we want from them.

**Romans 15:15-16** "Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God, That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, **being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.**"

Notice it says "being" sanctified. So we weren't sanctified by confessing and believing in Jesus' sacrifice for our sins, it's a process, in which we play an essential role.

**1 Corinthians 1:2** "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them **that are sanctified in Christ** Jesus, **called** to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:"

Remember, those who are "in" Christ, are those who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit as **Romans 8:1** states and **2 Corinthians 5:17** says that if we're "in Christ" we become a new creature.

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11** "Know ye not that **the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God**? Be not deceived: **neither** fornicators, **nor** idolaters, **nor** adulterers, **nor** effeminate, **nor** abusers of themselves with mankind, **Nor** thieves, **nor** covetous, **nor** drunkards, **nor** revilers, **nor** extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such **were** some of you: but ye are washed, but **ye are sanctified**, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and **by the Spirit** of our God."

That's not an exhaustive sin list of course. And as you can see from these verses, they are **no longer in sin** and they are therefore sanctified, **because** they heeded the Holy Spirit. It's not saying that simply because they believe in Jesus they are seen as not committing those sins even if they are!

**Hebrews 10:29** "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, **who hath trodden under foot** the Son of God, and hath counted **the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified**, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto **the Spirit of grace**?"

You see, if we wilfully sin after God justified us through the sacrifice of His precious Son, we are treading Jesus underfoot and enraging God (see the surrounding verses in **Hebrews 10**). Before He was crucified, Jesus prayed to the Father:

**John 17:17** "**Sanctify them through** thy truth: **thy word is truth.**"

As God's word is truth and we are sanctified **through** truth, that means we are sanctified by obeying the word of God. We can also know this is true from:

**Ephesians 5:26** "That he might **sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,**"

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**2 Corinthians 6:6-7** “**By pureness**, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By **the word of truth**, by the power of God, by the armour of **righteousness** on the right hand and on the left,”

**1 Peter 1:22** “Seeing **ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit** unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:”

Obedience is an action on the believer and this verse is also telling us, that it's **us** allowing the purifying of ourselves through obedience. God Himself can't **make** us obedient, because He gave us free will. He didn't want robots who loved and obeyed Him because He made them to, He wanted children who **chose** to do those things. OSAS is not the truth of God's word, and many OSAS believers claim none of Jesus' commandments and teachings are for Gentiles, because they bizarrely believe Paul taught a different gospel to Jesus, specially for Gentiles. In another study, I collected over 380 verses of warnings and admonishments from Paul to the churches, so even without Jesus' commandments, no believer should think belief alone is enough. I have another recent study which proved with scriptures there is only one gospel for all.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23** “And the very God of peace **sanctify you wholly**; and I pray God **your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Clearly then, it's possible for a believer to be blamed, which confirms again that there are actions and expectations on us, for us to be sanctified.

**Romans 15:16** “That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, **being sanctified by the Holy Ghost**.”

This isn't saying that simply in receiving the Holy Spirit we are automatically (or instantly) sanctified. It's saying that if we follow Him, the Holy Spirit will **lead us** into the actions and lifestyle which **make us** sanctified. We can confirm this from the other scriptures in this study.

**2 Timothy 2:19-21** “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, **let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity**. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and **some to honour**, and some to dishonour. **If** a man therefore **purge himself** from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, **sanctified**, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every **good work**.”

Departing from iniquity is an action **on us**, purging ourselves of sin is the same action. These verses clearly show that having the Holy Spirit inside us, does not mean we are sanctified in spite of any sin we commit, it means that we are only sanctified by us doing those actions of **turning from** sin.

**Hebrews 2:1** “For both he that sanctifieth and **they who are sanctified** are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,”

So those who fail to allow the Holy Spirit to lead them into sanctification, He **would** be ashamed of and wouldn't

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call them brethren (1 John 3:8-10 tells us that those who wilfully sin are the children of the devil, so that means they are not children of God and therefore cannot be brethren to Jesus).

Hebrews 10:10-17 “By the which will **we are sanctified through** the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever **them that are sanctified**. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, **I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds** will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.”

Notice again the word “through” because sanctification is a process and notice also that God's laws are put in the hearts of those who are sanctified. Because God is not lawless, we don't have to follow the 613 Mosaic laws, but He has commandments all through the New Testament, which we must obey.

Jude 1:1 “Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to **them that are sanctified** by God the Father, **and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:**”

Matthew 22:14 tells us that **many** are called, but **few** are chosen. We also know this from Matthew 7:14 where Jesus told the multitudes that only a few find the narrow way to eternal life. So Jude 1:1 is therefore telling us that those who Jude was speaking to **were** sanctified, **making** them chosen, there will be others who are called and come to Christ, but don't heed the Holy Spirit in their walk, so are **not** sanctified and hence are **not** chosen. They are on the broad way to destruction that Jesus spoke of. Another word representing sanctification is purification.

Daniel 12:10 “**Many shall be purified, and made white**, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.”

1 John 3:3 “And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth himself**, even as he is pure.”

Matthew 5:8 “Blessed are the **pure in heart**: for they shall see God.”

Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things **are pure**, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any **virtue**, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

1 Timothy 1:5 “Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a **pure heart**, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:”

2 Timothy 1:3 “I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with **pure conscience**, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;”

2 Timothy 2:22 “Flee also youthful lusts: but **follow righteousness**, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of **a pure heart**.”



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**Titus 1:15** “Unto **the pure** all things are pure: but unto **them that are defiled** and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.”

**2 Peter 3:1** “This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your **pure minds** by way of remembrance:”

Many scriptures also talk about our being holy.

**2 Corinthians 7:1** “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness** in the fear of God.”

**Hebrews 12:14** “Follow peace with all men, **and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:**”

**Romans 6:19** “I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye **have** yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so **now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.**”

**Romans 6:22** “But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, **ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.**”

Notice from the last two verses, that **our** righteousness leads to everlasting life.

**Ephesians 4:24** “And that **ye put on the new man**, which after God is created **in righteousness and true holiness.**”

**1 Thessalonians 4:7** “For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, **but unto holiness.**”

**Romans 12:1** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable** unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

**1 Corinthians 3:17** “If any man **defile** the temple of God, him shall God **destroy**; for **the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.**”

The responsibility is on **us** to keep our temples holy.

**1 Thessalonians 3:13** “To the end he may stablish your hearts **unblameable in holiness** before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.”

**Ephesians 1:4** “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that **we should be holy and without blame** before him in love:”

**Ephesians 5:27** “That he might present it to himself a glorious church, **not having spot, or wrinkle,**

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or any such thing; but that it should be **holy and without blemish**.”

**Colossians 1:22** “In the body of his flesh through death, to present you **holy and unblameable and unproveable** in his sight:”

Therefore it's possible to be blameworthy and deserving of reproving, if we are not walking in holiness. If our garments of salvation are spotted and wrinkled, we are not holy. We would then be the foolish virgins that were not ready.

**2 Timothy 1:9** “Who hath saved us, and **called us with an holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,”

Our calling is to live holy. That's a commandment on us. It's the grace of God that we have been given a way to be saved, but salvation is **conditional**.

**1 Peter 1:15-16** “But as he which hath called you is holy, so **be ye holy** in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy**.”

**Matthew 5:48** “**Be ye therefore perfect**, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”

**Colossians 1:28** “Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; **that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus**:”

We're supposed to want to be and to strive to be, perfect. Even though we won't literally achieve perfection, it's the high calling in God that Paul spoke of (see **Philippians 3:14**).

**1 Peter 2:5** “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, **an holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”

Spiritual sacrifices, means how we live our lives, the denial, fasting, rejecting pleasures of the world, crucifying our flesh and enduring persecution for speaking the truth of God's word.

**1 Peter 2:9** “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, **an holy nation**, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called you out of darkness** into his marvellous light;”

Being called out of darkness means being called out of sin. Repenting of sin.

**2 Peter 3:11** “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness**,”

**Revelation 20:6** “**Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection**: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a

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thousand years.”

So unholy people won't be resurrected to eternal life. 'Righteous' is another way of saying holy.

**Revelation 22:11** “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and **he that is righteous, let him be righteous** still: and **he that is holy, let him be holy still.**”

**Titus 2:11-12** “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should live soberly, righteously, and godly**, in this present world;”

As you can see from all these scriptures, the believer themselves is responsible for being righteous. If we were automatically declared righteous by just believing in Jesus, it wouldn't say that. **Mark 6:20** tells us that John was a just and holy man. **Luke 1:70**, **Acts 3:21**, **Ephesians 3:5**, **2 Peter 1:21**, **2 Peter 3:2**, **Revelation 18:20** and **Revelation 22:6** tell us that the prophets and apostles were holy. **1 Corinthians 7:34** tells us that an unmarried woman serving the Lord should be holy in body and spirit. **1 Thessalonians 5:27**, **Hebrews 3:1**, **Colossians 3:12** and **1 Timothy 2:8** tell us that Paul referred to the brethren as holy, which he did because they were walking obediently. **Titus 1:8** tells us that a bishop should be holy. There are plenty of scriptures talking of just, righteous and good men.

In **Genesis 7:1**, Almighty God told Noah he was “...**righteous** in this generation...”, there are many **Proverbs** describing righteous men, the book of **Ezekiel** warns more than once, of a righteous man turning from his righteousness into iniquity, and all of those righteous men didn't have Jesus. In the New Testament, righteous men are still mentioned: **James 5:16** “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer **of a righteous man** availeth much.” (whereas God doesn't hear the prayers of sinners, as **Isaiah 59:2**, **John 9:31** and **1 Peter 3:12** tell us). These believers were righteous because they were actively obeying the gospel that Apostle Paul had taught them. (Remember, that the gospel is everything Jesus taught, as confirmed in **Matthew 28:19-20**). Paul also described Lot as having been a righteous man at **2 Peter 2:8**. So as you can see, there is undeniable and overwhelming evidence that a believer must be holy, and that we only get eternal life and see God, as **Hebrews 10:14** and **Romans 6:22** tell us, if we are. **1 Corinthians 6:9** says the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God. Us following the leading of the Holy Spirit unto righteousness, is us being born again of the Spirit (see **John 3:3-8**), and this is also what is meant by the words “being quickened”.

**John 6:63** “It is **the spirit that quickeneth**; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you**, they are spirit, and **they are life.**”

Again, Jesus' words are in the scriptures and this is again what is meant in **Ephesians 5:26** by the washing of water by the word, because as **John 6:63** says, these words are life, and being quickened means being made alive.

**1 Peter 3:18** “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but **quickened by the Spirit:**”

That's the Holy Spirit, who we must heed and obey.



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**Ephesians 2:1-5** “And you hath he **quicken**ed, who **were** dead in trespasses and **sins**; Wherein **in time past ye walked** according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience**: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath **quicken**ed us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)”

As you can see from these verses, they **used to be** in sin but are **not** walking in sin any more, hence they have been quickened. It also says, that those walking in disobedience have **the spirit of satan** working in them.

The book of **Joshua** has a typology of Jesus and the rapture of the church. The name Joshua, is from the same etymological root as Yeshua, Jesus' name in Hebrew (see Appendix A). When Moses, who represents the law, died, Joshua took over from him and was responsible for bringing the Israelites into the promised land (a typology of Heaven). This is the typology of the New Covenant that Jesus made, replacing the 613 Mosaic laws, and His bringing the church to Heaven in the rapture. In **Joshua 1:7-8** God tells Joshua to be obedient to His laws, we know Jesus was obedient to the Father (some example scriptures are **Hebrews 5:8** and **John 8:29**). In **Joshua 2:16-18** the Israelites (the Gentile church are grafted in to Israel) tell Joshua they will obey everything he told them to do, and that anyone rebelling would die. These were God's people. Likewise, believers who rebel against God by wilful, unrepentant sin, will die a spiritual death. None of the men who came out of Egypt went into the promised land, because they sinned against God. In **Joshua 5:2** God told Joshua to have all the other men newly born during their wandering, circumcised. Likewise, New Testament scriptures say that **born again** believers must have **circumcised hearts**, have God's laws written in our hearts. When some of the Israelites sinned, by stealing accursed clothing and silver and gold of their defeated enemies, Joshua had to have the people **sanctify themselves** (see **Joshua 7:13**) by removing the sinners, who had to be killed, in order to achieve sanctification. Likewise, Jesus will separate the wheat from the tares in the church, and only those who have **sanctified themselves**, will be allowed into Heaven. He's coming for a church without spot or wrinkle. After the sinners were stoned, they were burned, just like hell will burn unrepentant, wilful sinners. **Joshua 7:26** tells us that the Lord's “fierce anger” was abated by the removal of the sinners. God never changes. There's a pre-tribulation rapture prophecy in the book of Isaiah, about the rescue of the **righteous**:

**Isaiah 57:1** “**The righteous perisheth\***, and no man layeth it to heart: and **merciful men are taken away**, none considering that **the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.**”

The word “perish” has been used in the KJV translation, but the **original word** in Strong's is H6 “âbad” which means “(properly) **to wander away**” which they translated to mean perish. However this scripture as can be seen by **proper** implication from **the remainder** of the verse, also means **taken away**, left, removed, from the evil (great tribulation). As you can see, **the righteous**, are the ones spared. **Malachi 3:17** says: “And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when **I make up my jewels**; and **I will spare them**, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.” In **1 Corinthians 3** Paul is talking about himself and Apollos being ministers and the brethren being God's building, or the minister's “work” (see verse 13). In verse 12 he says that the **stones** of the building are either “...gold, silver, **precious stones**, wood, hay, stubble...” with the gold silver and precious stones (or, jewels) obviously being the righteous believers which are used to make the building with, and the wood, hay and stubble being the wilfully sinning believers (“work”), who get burned up, as verse 15 tells us. In **1 Corinthians 9:1** Paul says again, that the believers, the brethren are his “work”, see also **Romans 15:20**. Many Christians wrongly believe the 'work' referred to in this chapter is their own **works** (with an 's' on the end), but properly studying the scriptures will show that it's not. A believer that is **unrighteous**

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will be burned up, but the minister themselves will be saved, as verse 15 states. Peter uses the same type of terminology to refer to the brethren:

**1 Peter 2:4-5** “To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, **Ye also, as lively stones**, are built up a spiritual house, an **holy** priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, **acceptable to God** by Jesus Christ.”

So now you can see from the word of God Himself, that we must be sanctified, made righteous and pure, by obeying the Holy Spirit. Our three part process of salvation, is: **justification; sanctification; glorification**. In **Philippians 1:6** Paul says that he's confident that Jesus will continue the good work He has begun in the brethren. If you look at the immediately preceding verse, Paul is happy at their fellowship **in the gospel**, so it's clear they are obeying the gospel and **walking righteously**. So he knows they are submitted to God and heeding the Holy Spirit and that's how he is confident that the good work will come to completion. If they had been walking in wilful sin and ignoring the Holy Spirit, he would not have been able to say the same. That's why Paul wanted proof of the brethren “**being obedient in all things**” in **2 Corinthians 2:9**. Too many Christians use **Philippians 1:6** as if they are passive participants and that the Holy Spirit will automatically make them righteous by His mere presence, negating their free will. If that were the case, how is any believer wilfully sinning? **John 14:26** tells us that the Holy Spirit will **teach us all things**. If we are being taught, that means we must **be learning and actively doing** what our teacher tells us! We must all be working out our salvation with fear and trembling, as **Philippians 2:12** says. Jesus could come for the church at any moment, we must remember that **Ephesians 5:27** says He is coming for a church without spot or wrinkle. God bless you all, amen.

### Appendix A

“Jesus (IPA: / d i z s/) is a masculine given name derived from the name יֵשׁוּעַ (Greek: Ἰησοῦς), the Greek form of the Hebrew name Yeshua or Y'shua (Hebrew: יְהוֹשֻׁעַ). (As its roots lie in the name Yeshua/Y'shua, **it is etymologically related to another biblical name, Joshua**. “Jesus” is usually not used as a given name in the English-speaking world, while its counterparts have had longstanding popularity among people with other language backgrounds, such as the Spanish Jesús.” (Source: [Wikipedia](#))

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