

⑥ "Signifies the full inheritance of the kingdom of God, Mt. 25:34; Ja. 2:5, complete attainment of everlasting life, Da. 12:2; Mt. 25:46; Rom. 2:7; Tit 3:7, and perfect conformity to the image of Jesus Christ." Demarest

1. (4) Features of Glorification.

a. The Death of the Believer.

Lk. 16:22, Mt. 17:3..

Luke 23:43; Acts 7:59; 2 Corinthians 5:8 ;

Hebrews 12:23

Alford, "...the saints are not sleeping, they are not unconscious, they are not absent from us: they are perfected, lacking nothing...but waiting only for bodily perfection.

"The souls of believers are at death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory: and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection." " The Westminster Short

Conclusion

Remember:

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:1-13; 1Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27. As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

"Faithful Is He Who Calls You"

1 Thess. 5:23

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Introduction:

"Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass."

Lamentations 3:22-23

Romans 8:28-30

How has God loved us? Let me count the ways.

John R. W. Stott calls them "five undeniable affirmations."

I. The _____ of Sanctification

Sanctification signifies to consecrate and set apart to a holy use: thus they are sanctified persons who are separated from the world, and set apart for God's service. It is a principle of grace savingly wrought; whereby the heart becomes holy, and is made after God's own heart. A sanctified person bears not only God's name, but his image." Thomas Watson, *Body of Divinity*

"...the gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Spirit, by which He delivers the justified sinner from the pollution of sin, renews his whole nature in the image of God, and enables him to perform good works." Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*

Salvations Reality

①The PAST TENSE/PENALTY of Sin:

Luke 19:9; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 3:5,

②The PRESENT TENSE/POWER of Sin:

1 Corinthians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 15:2; 2 Corinthians 2:15

③The FUTURE TENSE/PRESENCE of Sin:

Romans 5:9-10; Romans 13:11; 1 Corinthians 3:15 ;1

Thessalonians 5:8; 1 Peter 1:5

A. **POSITIONAL** Sanctification: **PAST**

① A Past declarative Act of God where the believer set apart as holy.

Acts 26:18 ;1 Corinthians 1:1-2; Hebrews 10:10-12; 1 Corinthians 6:11

② Past Sanctification is Granted by and because of Christ

"Every Christian, the moment he becomes a Christian,is instantly constituted a 'saint' and enters into a new relationship with respect to the former reign of sin in his life and with God Himself, in which relationship he ceases to be a slave to sin and becomes a servant of Christ and of God. And the Christian is to take this breach with sin..as seriously as God does and stop 'presenting the members of his body as instruments of unrighteousness' and start 'presenting himself to God as one alive from the dead, and his members as instruments (or servants) of righteousness to God' (Rom. 6:13,19). He has Paul's own assurance that 'sin will not lord it over him' (Rom. 6:14). Robert Reymond, A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith

1 Corinthians 1:30; Hebrews 10:10; Hebrews 13:12;
John 17:6

③ Past Sanctification is By Faith

Acts 26:12-23 , Acts 26:18 ; Ephesians 2:8

④ The believer is now called a Saint

1 Corinthians 1: 2; Philipians 1:1

B. **PROGRESSIVE** Sanctification: **PRESENT**

1 John 1:8; 1 John 1:10; Philipians 3:12-14;
Romans 7:18; Galatians 5:7;

Hebrews 12:23

2 Corinthians 4:16; 2 Corinthians 7:1

Galatians 5:17

"A true Christian is one who has not only peace of conscience, but war within. He may be known by his warfare as well as his peace." JC Ryle

C. **GLORIFICATION** Sanctification: **FUTURE**

Colossians 1:4-5 Rev. 21:23-24.

- The Psalmist expressed his confidence- Psalm 73:24
- Paul wrote the Romans that by grace Romans 5:2 *we exult in hope of the glory of God.*
- To the Thessalonians he wrote -2 Thessalonians 2:14 *that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

What does being glorified mean?

- ① It is entering into the riches of God's glorious inheritance. Eph. 1:18; He. 9:15; 1 Peter 1:4
- ② It is symbolized by receiving the promised crown of life, or crown of glory. Ja. 1:12, Rev 2:10, 1 Peter 5:4.
- ③ It is a welcoming into Christ's eternal kingdom, 2 Peter 1:11
- ④ It is the entry into the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Hebrews 11:10