

Justification and Sanctification

What is the difference?

Acts 13:38-39

³⁸ Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; ³⁹ and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

“Our union with Adam made us sinners; our union with Christ enables us to ‘reign in life’ ”.

Warren Wiersbe

2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled faces reflecting the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, which is from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

(New English Translation)

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1. **Justification:** is something that God does at salvation. We have no part in it – we are simply declared righteous! And that declaration can never be repealed. ***Justification never changes.*** And God sees us as ***“just as if we have never sinned at all”!***
2. **Sanctification:** is also something God does at salvation and ***it is a daily process;*** throughout our lives, He is making us more like Christ, and we ***do*** have a part in it. **We must be willing participants.**