



## **The Salvation Equation:**

{Grace > Atonement} Man can now respond: + **Repentance** + **Faith** → (and God answers) **Conversion** + **Regeneration**

## **REGENERATION**

1.) What is regeneration? **John 3:3** {John 3:1-23 The encounter with Nicodemus.}

“Regeneration is that supernatural and instantaneous change wrought by the Holy Spirit in the nature of the individual who receives the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not an evolutionary change, but a revolutionary one.” Harold M. Freligh

**John 1:13, 3:5, 3:7, 3:8, 5:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:4; Galatians 6:15; Ephesians 2:10, 4:24; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:3, 23; 1 John 2:20, 3:9, 4:7, 5:1, 5:18.** Old Testament References: **Ezekiel 11:19, Ezekiel 36:26-27, Ezekiel 37 :1-14**

**What Regeneration is NOT:** Does not happen during water baptism or Holy Spirit baptism. It is not immediate perfection.

2.) Who is the agent of Regeneration? **Titus 3:5**

**John 3:6; 1 Corinthians 15:45; James 1:8; 1 Peter 1:23**

(There are only two places in the New Testament where the word for Regeneration is used. Titus and **Matthew 19:28.**)

3.) Why do we need it? **1 Peter 1:1-12**

**John 1:13; 3:3, 3:5, 3:8; 1 John 2:29, 3:9, 5:18, 4:7, 5:1**

4.) What is our response? **1 Peter 1:13-25**

**Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7; 2 Peter 3:11; Isaiah 52:3; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 9:12; 1 Timothy 1:5**

“Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born again (from above).”

John 3:3

## **JUSTIFICATION**

“Indeed, I know that this is true. But how can mere mortals prove their innocence before God?”

Job 9:2

1.) **What is Justification:** Reasonable, LEGAL grounds for an action.

Start with Justified:

1. To demonstrate or prove to be just, right, or valid.
2. To declare free of blame; absolve.
3. To free (a human) of the guilt and penalty attached to grievous sin. Used of God.
4. *Law* a. To demonstrate sufficient legal reason for (an action taken).

2.) **So how can we, sinful humans, stand legally just, right, or valid before a Holy God? Job 9:2**

- a.) Begins with God being righteous and Him being infallibly consistent in His own nature. **James 1:17 Malachi 3:6; Deuteronomy 32:4**
- b.) This righteousness both judges and saves. **Romans 3:23**

Christ’s work is expiatory...in that it covers our sin so it is no more.

Christ’s work is propitiatory...it shields us from God’s wrath towards sin. **Romans 3:21-26; 2 Corinthians 5:21**

**This is Justification...to make righteous.**

- c.) It satisfies a legal spiritual law. It meets an eternal requirement. Forensic Justification. **Galatians 3:24-25; Romans 3:21-26; 1 Corinthians 1:26-30**

JUSTIFICATION: It is an objective word. This takes place outside of us. It is instantaneous. It happens simultaneous with Regeneration. Is complete. Once and for all.

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- In the Old Testament it is the innocent man who is declared NOT GUILTY.

Old Testament: **Exodus 23:7; Deuteronomy 25:1; Isaiah 5:22-23; Proverbs 17:15.**

- In the New Testament, it is the sinners who receive salvation who are declared NOT GUILTY.

New Testament: **Romans 4:108; 5:1-11**

### 3.) What is our response?

Justification by Faith alone removes two erroneous stumbling blocks of Faith:

- a. Pride in our own self-righteousness and self-effort. **Galatians 2:21; Galatians 3:1-3; Galatians 5:4**
- b. Fear we are too weak and sinful to bring salvation to completion. **Romans 5:1; Romans 5:10**

Removal of **guilt**. Removal of **condemnation**. Removal of **separation**.

Christ's righteousness is imputed to us. Attributed to us. Our sins are charged to Him. The consequences of our sin is imputed to Him.

#### Justification means:

Acts 13:39	Freedom from the law.	Romans 8:30	Assurance of glorification.
Romans 5:1	Peace with God.	Romans 8:33-34	Freedom from condemnation.
Romans 5:9	Salvation from wrath.	Titus 3:7	Becoming heirs of God.
Romans 5:10-11	Reconciliation with God.		
Romans 3:21-26; 2 Corinthians 5:21			

### ADOPTION

#### 1. What Adoption Is Not:

- It is not the same as the relationship between God the Father and God the Son.
- It is not the same relationship between God and all His people and creation.

Jesus Christ is: **John 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18; 1 John 4:9**...the ONLY Begotten Son of God.

Jesus is God's Son by Nature. We are His children by Adoption. **Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 1:31-35**

#### 2. What Adoption Is:

- Act of grace whereby God places as sons those who receive Christ Jesus, bestowing on them all the rights and privileges of sonship.
- Regeneration brings about a change in our nature.
- Adoption brings about a change or our position. It is a legal, judicial act.

GREEK: Means "being placed as a son" .: Greek *huiotesia*, a word composed of *huios* 'a son' and *thesis* 'to place, or constitute'.

ROMAN: <http://www.olivebranchministries.us/The%20Sons%20of%20God.htm>

Consequences of adoption which are most significant for the picture that is in Paul's mind. There were four main ones.

- (i) The adopted person lost all rights in his old family and gained all the rights of a legitimate son in his new family. In the most binding legal way, he got a new father.
- (ii) It followed that he became heir to his new father's estate. Even if other sons were afterwards born, it did not affect his rights. He was inalienably co-heir with them.
- (iii) In law, the old life of the adopted person was completely wiped out; for instance, all debts were cancelled. He was regarded as a new person entering into a new life with which the past had nothing to do.
- (iv) In the eyes of the law he was absolutely the son of his new father.

Witness who guarantees our inheritance: **Romans 8:16**

**Rom. 8:15-17** Contrast: Spirit of slavery and fear. A former attitude. We become HEIRS of God.

Heir: A person who inherits or is entitled to inherit the rank, title, position, etc., of another.

**Rom. 8:20-23** Contrast: Groaning (anticipation, desire) of creation and our own in expectation of the future or SELF fulfillment. A former expression.

**Rom. 9:3-12** Contrast: Those who are not God's adopted people. A former allegiance to our Family of origin, lineage.

**Gal. 4:3-7** Contrast: Bondage under the law, we were enslaved. A former position. We become members of God's family.

**Eph. 1:5-7** Contrast: Our former life of trespasses. A former behavior.

**Hebrews 2:10-13** God is the adopter. We are the adopted. Jesus Christ is the agent, made it possible.

**1 John 3:2** Adoption is past, present, and future. I was saved, I am being saved, and I will be saved.

#### 3. My response to Adoption:

**Do I embrace all that Adoption brings:**

Luke 11:11-13; John 17:23 We receive a Father's compassion and care.

Psalms 23:1

Psalms 144:1-2

John 14:26

He provides our needs.

He protects us.

He instructs us.

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Hebrews 12:7	He corrects us.	Romans 8:4; Galatians 5:18	Led by the Spirit.
Hebrews 4:14-16	We have bold access to God.	Galatians 4:5-6	Childlike confidence in God.
1 John 3:1-2	We become more and more like Christ.	Ephesians 3:12	Confident access to God.
Romans 8:17; 1 Peter 1:3-5	We become heirs of God with Christ.	1 John 2:9-11; 5:1	Love for the brethren.
<b>Do I portray Evidences of adoption:</b>		1 John 5:1-3	Obedience to God.

Is slavery/addiction/fear a former attitude? Is self-fulfillment a former expression? Is my natural family of origin (condoning and rejection) a former allegiance? Is my esteem based on my accomplishments (a former position) or on God's accomplishments? Do I live like God's kid or do I embrace my former behavior?

WHOSE KID AM I? One can tell by how I live my life.

**"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."**

Romans 8:16

New Testament references to the concept of adoption:

**Sons:**

Romans 8:14, 19  
2 Corinthians 6:18  
Galatians 3:26; 4:6-7  
Hebrews 2:10; 12:5-8

**Children:**

Romans 8:16-17, 21; 9:8  
Galatians 4:28  
Ephesians 5:1  
1 John 3:10; 5

**Old Testament adoption:**

Exodus 2:10 – Moses; 1 Kings 11:20 – Genubath; Esther 2:7, 15 – Esther

Who are the 'sons' of God in these references? Which passages speak of someone being a son by birth? Which verses imply adoption as sons? Sons of God: Exodus 4:22-23; Deuteronomy 14:1-2, 32:18-20; Jeremiah 31:9; Hosea 1:10, 11:1; Malachi 1:6, 3:17

*"The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'" The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."* **Romans 8:15-17**

**SANCTIFICATION**

**1. What is the meaning of Sanctification:**

The central idea is separation FROM and separation or devotion TO.

The basic meaning of the word is to BE holy, because a person or thing is set apart, not to MAKE holy. It just is.

Another word that can be used for sanctification is *consecration*.

- Old Testament: many things were set aside or consecrated for God including clothing, vessels, the temple & priests.
- New Testament: sanctification became more personal in nature.

**John 17:17** Jesus prays to the Father on behalf of his disciples, "Sanctify them by the truth. "  
**Eph 5:26-27** Paul shows that Jesus Christ sanctifies the church  
**1 Thess 5:23** Paul expresses his desire that God sanctify the readers "through and through."  
**John 10:36** The Father sets Jesus apart to carry out His will in the world.

Sanctification is a part of the salvation experience, so we must be in a relationship with Jesus to experience this.

In sanctification, we consecrate ourselves to fulfill the holy purposes for which we have been set apart.

**2. Why is Sanctification important and what is the goal?**

Two concepts that are important in our understanding of sanctification are HOLINESS and RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- i. Our understanding of *holiness* is rooted in our understanding God.
  - In **1 Peter 1:15-16**, we learn "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"
  - In **Hebrews 12:14** we are told, "Make every effort to live at peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord."  
God's plan is for us to be holy.
- ii. Righteousness is the quality of being right or just.
  - In the Old Testament, righteousness came through obedience to the Law.
  - In the New Testament, righteousness comes through faith in Christ. **Philippians 3:9**  
*"righteousness is conformity to divine Law" and "holiness is conformity to the divine nature."* Dr. Stanley Horton

That is, righteousness is more about outward obedience, while holiness is more about inner purity and motivation.

So we see in the process of Salvation, Holy God imputes Christ's holiness to us (legal declaration) and empowers us (via the Holy Spirit) to become like Jesus by growing in holiness. Only with this imputation of holiness can we have relationship.

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**3. What Sanctification is NOT:**

Conformity to a revelation from nature  
Mere external conformity to the law  
Mere outward reformation  
Natural restraining influences  
Natural gifts

Complete removal of the nature of sin.  
The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not the moment of sanctification, that is a 2<sup>nd</sup> distinct interaction with God whereby He empowers us for ministry

**4. What is the process of Sanctification:**

Sanctification is both INSTANT and PROGRESSIVE.

It is a positional (God's view) and experiential. (man's action)

- a. putting off of the old
- b. putting on of the new
- c. continually dedicating our lives to God & His purpose for us
- d. believing that He is doing what He promised to do.

**Colossians 2:11-12, Colossians 3:1-10, Romans 6:1-14**

In the sanctifying process, God is the author. God's intention is to sanctify us wholly, including every part of our being, even the body. He assures us that His goal for us includes the culmination of the process: that we might be blameless before Him at the coming of Christ (**1 Thessalonians 5:23**)

**5. How can I respond to Sanctification:**

I can choose to participate WITH what God is doing instead of fighting AGAINST the growth process He has for me.

- Living by the Spirit-Sanctification's goal is the fruit of the Spirit. His work in our lives looks like:
  - Prompting, an inner witness **Titus 2:11-13**
  - Knowing the Heart of God & "Building" in us the mind of Christ **1 Corinthians 2:6-16**
  - Always in harmony with scripture **2 Tim 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21**
  - Teach and remind **John 14:26**
  - Point out truth (give direction in our lives) **John 16:13a, Luke 4:1, Acts 10:19-20, 16:6-7**
  - Prophetic (forth-telling of scripture) **John 16:13b-14**
  - Feels guilty when w sin, concerned with Christ's standard of righteousness & God's judgment **John 16:8-13**
  - Opposed to sinful desires **Gal 5:17-18, 1 Peter 2:11**
  - Exhort believers on sin, backsliding, perseverance, sonship **Romans 8:13-16**
  - HS becomes weaker the longer the believer resists his promptings **Romans 1:18, 1 Thess 5:19**
  - Results in spiritual death when rejected & results in spiritual life when obeyed **Romans 8:6-13**
- Putting off the old & putting on the new:
  - Prayer
  - Fasting
  - Scripture-meditation, memorization, filling ourselves with scripture
  - Consistency
  - Support by fellow believers (small group interaction, growing healthy in community)
  - Being hearers & doers of the word (Sunday & Wednesday services, etc.)
- Slowing down in my responses with others to ask:
  - Am I responding from my flesh, my old nature, wounding, trauma, rejection? (these no longer hold us)
  - What does responding in the Spirit look like? What scriptures can guide me?
  - Which will I choose?

Helpful scriptures: **Romans 6:11-14, 1 Peter 1:13-23, Galatians 5:13-26, Matthew 5:48**

We display our love for God and our spiritual maturity by how we choose to interact with others.

Our actions indicate our separation from sin and devotion to God. Does our behavior say what we intend?

Are we humbly willing to ask others for input on how we're doing?

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**"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you**

**will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”**

Philippians 1:4-6

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