

SALVATION (JUSTIFICATION)

SALVATION SANCTIFICATION (DISCIPLESHIP)

THERE IS DISTINCTION BETWEEN JUSTIFICATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

A saved person is a believer in "Christ alone" for salvation and one who is regenerated by the Spirit.
Discipleship is a lifelong process of interaction between Christ and the learner.

We truly believe in Jesus when we take actions to do what He says. Our actions are expressions of being a child of God.

God's salvation is complete in Christ. Colossians 2:14

Our measuring up to the full demands of discipleship is always less than perfect. Phil. 3:12-13

The requirements of discipleship are many and they are costly but result in love, joy, and peace.

The alternative to discipleship is more costly, resulting in lost love, lost joy, and lost peace.

Faithful discipleship is the most rewarding life for the believer.

Every true believer follows Christ by choice and/ or through disciplinary action on God's part.

The lost sinner must not try to fulfill the requirements of discipleship in order to be regenerated.

HE SAVED US BY THE WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. Titus 3:5

Salvation justification is God's work in us due to our cooperation with the Spirit and takes place in an instant of time.

Salvation sanctification (discipleship) is God's work in us due to our cooperation with the Spirit and is a lifelong process.

WE MUST NOTE THE OBVIOUS DIFFERENCES IN THE FIRST TWO STAGES OF SALVATION

Salvation Justification Stage One

Justification

By grace

Through faith

Free

Christ's love for me

Eternal Life

One condition

The unbeliever's faith response to Spirit conviction

Instantaneous New Birth

Discipleship Stage Two

Sanctification

By works

Through faithfulness (live by faith)

Costly

My love for Christ

Eternal Rewards

Many conditions

The believer's responses to Christ's commands

Progressive continued learning, responding, and repenting