

Biblical Foundations for Ministry

Justification and Sanctification

1. Double cure

- a. Sin created two major problems
 - 1) Guilt (and penalty)
 - 2) Sinfulness (moral weakness)
- b. God provides a double cure through Christ

2. Justification

- a. The removal of guilt
 - 1) Transferred to Christ on the cross
 - a) Guilt does not simply disappear
 - b) Paid for by Christ on the cross
 - 2) Leaving us with no guilt to be punished
- b. The righteousness of Christ
 - 1) Believers are credited with Christ's righteousness (Rom. 4:5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9)
 - 2) Exchanging "filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:5-6) for a "robe of righteousness" (Isaiah 61:10)
- c. Biblical descriptions
 - 1) Forgiveness, remission, pardon
 - 2) Blotting out, washing away
- d. Applied to immersed believers (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)
- e. A state of grace (Rom. 5:1-2; 8:1-2)
 - 1) Maintained by our faith and repentance (1 John 1:8-10; 2:1)
 - 2) Not requiring any post-baptism sacraments

3. Sanctification

- a. The removal of sinfulness
 - 1) A life-long process of becoming holy
 - 2) Breaking sinful habits (Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:5-9)
 - 3) Developing godly habits (Eph. 4:23-24; Col. 3:10-17)
- b. Tools of sanctification
 - 1) The Word of God: moral guidance (Acts 20:32; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Peter 2:2)
 - 2) The church: mutual encouragement (Col. 3:16; 1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 10:24-25)
 - 3) The Holy Spirit: moral empowerment (Rom. 8:9-14; Phil. 3:12-14)
 - a) A new birth (John 3:3-8) and new creation (2 Cor. 5:17)
 - b) A spiritual resurrection (Col. 2:13) and regeneration (Titus 3:5)
- c. Becoming holy
 - 1) Our goal: to become more like Christ (2 Cor. 3:18)
 - 2) Our hope: to be glorified when Christ returns (1 John 3:2)

