

# Everlasting Gospel Bible Studies

## Lesson 7

### JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION



Early one morning Jesus had come to the temple to teach. The Pharisees brought a terror-stricken woman to Him, saying that she had been discovered in the very act of adultery. By Jewish law she was worthy of condemnation, and death by stoning. The story is told in John 8:1-11.

The plight of this woman illustrates the condition of all human beings, because everyone has sinned. Nevertheless, we need not despair. Through the sacrifice and the ministry of Jesus Christ we may receive not only pardon from sin, but also the cleansing of our hearts. Christ has a perfect hatred for sin, but for sinners He has everlasting love. It is our privilege to receive Him as our Saviour and as the Master of our lives.

"So walk ye in him." Colossians 2:6

#### A. GOD'S PROVISION FOR OUR CONDEMNATION

1. What has Christ promised to those who decide to walk after the Spirit (which means to follow His guidance)? Romans 8:1

2. What is one result of receiving the free gift of Christ?  
Romans 5:16; context, Romans 5:12-19

**NOTE:** Justification means to show to be just, to free from blame. Christ's justification of us provides pardon and forgiveness from our sins.



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## B. THE GIFT OF JUSTIFICATION

### 3. What makes justification possible? Romans 5:9

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**NOTE:** We do not have to remain in condemnation, because Jesus shed His blood for us and took our condemnation upon Himself.

### 4. How are we justified? Romans 5:1

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### 5. Who can be justified by his own works? Galatians 2:16

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**NOTE:** No amount of human works can banish our transgression or ensure our salvation. However, that faith which links us to Christ will move us to active service for others. No sooner is a person reborn than he is sharing the newly found truths with someone else. We perform deeds of love and acts of mercy through Christ's grace (power) and these, in turn, are blessings to us.

### 6. How much sin can Jesus' blood cleanse? 1 John 1:7

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## C. THE WAY OF JUSTIFICATION

### 7. Who cannot be justified by God? Exodus 23:7

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**NOTE:** While people remain in their wickedness and refuse to accept Christ's forgiveness, they cannot be justified by God.

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**11. What follows the forgiveness of sins? Acts 26:18**

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#### D. THE PROMISE OF SANCTIFICATION

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**13. What is a sure result of sanctification? 1 Peter 1:2**

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**14. The result of true sanctification is obedience from the heart, but what are we to obey? 1 Peter 1:22**

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**NOTE:** God's Word is truth. John 17:17. He desires to wash us by obedience to His Word.

**15. How complete is God's sanctification? 1 Thessalonians 5:23**

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**NOTE:** Genuine sanctification affects the spirit (mind), soul, and body.

## **E. THE TRUE GOSPEL**

**16. What will happen to those who do not believe in the name of the Lord Jesus? John 3:18**

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**17. What can the name of the Lord do for the unrighteous? 1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

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**NOTE:** The true gospel both justifies and sanctifies the repentant sinner. No wonder the Bible calls us to "Fear God," for here is the only means by which we can receive forgiveness and cleansing in our lives.

**18. When Jesus saw the woman caught in adultery, what was His gospel to her? John 8:10-11**

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**NOTE:** The reason Jesus did not condemn the woman caught in adultery was because He took the condemnation upon Himself. This gift is called justification. Jesus also said, "Go and sin no more," John 8:11, giving the woman both the gift and the promise of sanctification.

## **SUMMARY**

The true gospel embraces both our justification and sanctification, and provides the only escape from condemnation and guilt. Justification is ours when we accept the sacrifice of our Saviour, and accept His righteousness. Through grace we confess and forsake the sins which have caused Jesus to die on the cross. In sanctification, Christ frees us from all sin, providing the power to enable us to obey all His precious truths. This experience is found in a daily walk with Jesus Christ.

Christ is everything to us. He is our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. I Corinthians 1:30. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Psalm 111:10. This verse means that we follow and obey His loving counsel implicitly, through the power of the gospel and His grace. The fear of God is a part of the everlasting gospel which brings salvation to all men.

## **PERSONAL COMMITMENT**

Today, I ask God to empower me to be free from both the guilt of sin and from the power of sin, believing that it is done.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_