

Righteous By Faith Series  
**The Final Phase of Salvation**  
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**Ephesians 4:23-24**

**23** And be **renewed** in the spirit of your mind;

**24** And that ye put on the **new man**, which after God is created in **righteousness and true holiness**.

Where is the process of justification and sanctification in Ephesians 4:24?

Justification and sanctification are the first two main phases that we must process in the plan of salvation of Jesus Christ.

- 1) Justification = the process of going from guilty/unrighteous to not guilty/righteousness
- 2) Sanctification = how to live a holy life, have victory over sin, and live in the image of Christ

**What will Jesus legally announce at the end of the investigative phase of judgment in the most holy place concerning justification and sanctification?**

**Revelation 22:11**

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

In other words, those who are still guilty of sin or unrighteousness at the end of the investigative phase of judgment will still have characters that are corrupted with sin. They have rejected the justification and sanctification of Jesus Christ. Their fate of eternal death will be sealed and **cannot be changed**. But those by faith who have accepted the justification and sanctification of Jesus Christ **will receive the final phase of the plan of salvation**.

**What is the third and final phase of the plan of salvation of Jesus Christ?**

**Romans 8:30**

**30 Moreover whom** he did predestinate [predetermined], them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also **glorified**.

**Glorified** (Greek G1392) - *doxazō* [*dox-ad'-zo*]

From G1391; **to render (or esteem) glorious** (in a wide application): - (make) glorify (-ious), full of (have) glory, honour, magnify. (Strong's Dictionary)

The context of glorify in Romans 8:30 which is Strong's reference G1392 is not referring to God's people being worshiped, but will be given an **exalted state of existence and position**.

**Matthew 23:12 (Jesus says)**

**12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased [brought low]; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.**

**Exalted (Greek)** – hupsoō [*hoop-so'-o*] to *elevate* (literally or figuratively): - exalt, lift up.

**In other words, God will elevate His humble faithful at the end of time in an exalted state of existence and position that only He has the power to impart.**

### **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14**

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to **the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **John 17:10**

**10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.**

### **2 Thessalonians 1:10-12**

10 When he (Jesus) shall come to be **glorified in his saints**, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power:

12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Our characters** through the process of justification and sanctification will reflect the glory of God. The glory of God is the character of God.

**When will we receive this glorified state in the Christ?** At the coming of the Jesus Christ!

### **Colossians 3:4**

4 When Christ, *who is* our life, **shall appear**, then shall ye also appear with him **in glory.**

When you have been justified and have lived a sanctified life in Christ, at **His second coming** He will exalt His people in a new state of existence and position in the kingdom of God. This last phase of salvation is also known as glorification.

**1) Justification > 2) Sanctification > 3) Glorification**

**Glorification = Honor and exaltation through redeeming love of Christ**

“The work of redemption involves consequences of which it is difficult for man to have any conception. ‘Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.’ 1 Corinthians 2:9. As the sinner, drawn by the power of Christ, approaches the uplifted cross, and prostrates himself before it, there is a new creation. A new heart is given him. He becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus. Holiness finds that it has nothing more to require. God Himself is ‘the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.’ Romans 3:26. And ‘whom He justified, them He also glorified.’ Romans 8:30. Great as is the shame and degradation through sin, even greater will be the honor and exaltation through redeeming love. To human beings striving for conformity to the divine image there is imparted an outlay of heaven’s treasure, an excellency of power, that will place them higher than even the angels who have never fallen.” { Ellen White, Christ Object Lessons p. 162.4 }

### What will Jesus do to our bodies at His Second coming?

#### 1 Corinthians 15:50-55

- 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
- 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
- 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- 55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

VICTORY OVER SIN IS VICTORY OVER DEATH. Our current bodies are susceptible to the first death, but at the second coming of Jesus Christ every cell in our bodies will be recreated in a new state of eternal existence from head to toe!

#### Revelation 21:3-5

- 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.
- 4 **And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.**
- 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all things new.** And he said unto me, **Write: for these words are true and faithful.**

#### Revelation 22:3-5

- 3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:
- 4 And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.
- 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Amen. We will see our Saviour face to face physically and live forever and ever!

### **What exalted positions will God give to those faithful at the second coming of Christ?**

#### **Revelation 1:5-6**

5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us **kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Revelation 20:4**

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and **reigned** with Christ a thousand years.

### **As kings and priests we will reign with Jesus Christ in the heavenly kingdom.**

#### **2 Timothy 2:12**

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:

#### **Appeal**

"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Here again we are admonished to faithfulness, in view of the conflict. We must not yield any point that we have already gained. From now on till Jesus comes, the battle will wax fiercer and still fiercer. We shall have to meet and resist men who are regarded as very wise and learned, but who are not spiritually wise unto salvation. Our only hope of saving our own souls and of helping others to be saved, is to receive the righteousness of Jesus Christ. We are seeking for a crown, a crown of glory that fadeth not away. As overcomers we are to reign with Christ in the heavenly courts; and we are to overcome through the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. {Ellen White, Review and Herald, July 9, 1908 par. 9}

"We must be partakers of Christ's sufferings here **if we would share in His glory hereafter**. If we seek our own interest, how we can best please ourselves, instead of seeking to please God and advance His precious, suffering cause, we shall dishonor God and the holy cause we profess to love. We have but a little space of time left in which to work for God. Nothing should be too dear to sacrifice for the salvation of the scattered and torn flock of Jesus. Those who make a covenant with God by sacrifice now will soon be gathered home to share a rich reward and possess the new kingdom forever and ever." {Early Writings p 47.2}

Jesus says Go forward in faith for His glory as good soldiers for Him in the last days.

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