

under condemnation, being spiritually dead through imputation of Adam's original sin to our genetically formed old sin nature. Justification is an official judicial act which occurs every time anyone believes in Christ. The justice of God acts on our behalf pronouncing us justified, which means that we have a relationship with God forever. When an individual has personal faith in Christ, the righteousness of God demands that the justice of God declare the believer *justified*. We have the perfect righteousness of God imputed to us at salvation. Justification means that God recognizes that He has given us His perfect righteousness. Justification is the judicial act by God, whereby He recognizes we have His perfect righteousness (Rom. 5:16). Justification is God's recognition of imputed righteousness in every believer. There would be no possibility of justification if it were not for Christ's redemptive work on the cross. No Cross, no justification. No redemption, no justification (Rom. 3:24; 5:9). One is justified by faith alone in Christ alone (Rom. 5:1; Gal. 2:16). We are not justified by what we do but what Christ has already done for us. We are to have faith or rely upon the merits of Jesus Christ. Justification occurs instantaneously but in 3 logical steps: (1) We believe in Christ (2) The righteousness of God is imputed to us (3) God recognizes as valid His righteousness in us and pronounces us justified.

There would be no sanctification if were not for the redemptive work of Christ. Redemption also provides the basis for the sanctification of the believer. *Sanctification* is a term describing the status quo of the Royal Family of God in 3 phases of the Plan of God. It means to be set apart to God for a special purpose. Sanctification means that the believer has been *set apart* for God's will, purpose and plan. Sanctification is the greatest thing God could possibly do for all members of the Royal Family of God. We have gone from being slaves to the old sin nature and the Cosmic System to being sanctified or set apart to execute God's will, purpose and plan for our lives. We are no longer to present ourselves as slaves to the old sin nature but slaves to righteousness which results in sanctification (Rom. 6:19). Our release from the slave market of sin results in sanctification (Rom. 6:22). The believer has been sanctified in Christ Jesus (1 Cor. 1:2). This has been accomplished through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This has been done by means of the omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit at salvation placing the believer into union with Christ (Rom. 15:16; 1 Cor. 1:30). The will of God for the believer is to be sanctified or set apart for Him to do His will (1 Thess. 4:3a). The believer has been sanctified by our Lord's offering Himself up at the Cross (Heb. 10:10). Our Lord's substitutionary spiritual death provides sanctification for the believer. There are 3 categories of sanctification: (1) *Positional*: Believer