

Secured By The Sovereignty of God

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The Over-Arching theme of Romans 8 is the unquestioned and unchangeable eternal security of those who are in Christ.

The justification, sanctification, and glorification of all believers has been sovereignly secured by God through the ministry of Jesus Christ and is made effective by the person of the Holy Spirit.

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In His sovereignty, God has ordained that:

- His elect would, without question, be justified (declared righteous)
- His elect would certainly be sanctified (growing in righteousness)
- He will use all things, even great suffering for the good of His elect
- His elect will definitely persevere (they are kept eternally secure)
- His elect are guaranteed to be glorified with Christ

Justification Accomplished

Sanctification Started

Romans 8:1-4

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The LORD sovereignly accomplishes our unchangeable justification through the perfect obedience and sacrificial death of Christ on our behalf.

When this happens, He also initiates and enables our sanctification through the work of regeneration and the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

What do justification and sanctification mean?

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us.

Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

Confusion About Justification and Sanctification

- Sanctification causes justification
- Sanctification will be complete in this life
- Sanctification and Justification are not related
- Sanctification is irrelevant for salvation

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 - In Adam, we are condemned, but in Christ, we are justified (Ch 5:18-19)

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Romans 5:1

... having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Romans 5:18-19

... ¹⁸ So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. ¹⁹ For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

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 - The Forensic implications:
 - You are no longer under legal condemnation
 - You are considered not guilty , as if you had not sinned
 - You are considered righteous, as if you had obeyed perfectly

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“No” means “NO!”

- This legal status is complete and not lacking
- It is permanent and irrevocable
- It is secured by and based on the believer's union with Christ

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- The Practical Implications (vs 2)
 - The new normal
 - The believer is no longer a slave to sin, under the dominion of sin
 - The certain and regular rule of the sin nature is replaced by the certain and regular rule of the indwelling Holy Spirit.
 - Sanctification is initiated and empowered by the Spirit

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 - Sanctification is an evidence of justification

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