

A Comparison of Justification and Sanctification

Justification	Sanctification
Justification is free (Jn 4:1).	Sanctification is costly (Lk 14:25-33).
Justification is instantaneous (Jn 3:8).	Sanctification is a life-long process (Jn 8:31).
Justification is by faith (Eph 2:8).	Sanctification is by faithfulness (1 Cor 4:2).
Justification is not of works (Eph 2:9).	Sanctification is of works (Eph 2:10).
Justification involves Christ's love for me (Jn 3:16).	Sanctification involves my love for Christ (1 Jn 4:19).
Justification concerns Christ's righteousness (2 Cor 5:21).	Sanctification concerns my righteousness (Lk 14:25-33).
Justification involves my <i>position</i> in Christ (Col 2:11-14).	Sanctification involves my <i>practice</i> (Col 3:1-11).
Justification considers what God has done (1 Cor 15:3-4).	Sanctification considers what I am doing (Lk 14:25-33).
Justification is God's commitment to me (1 Jn 5:9-13).	Sanctification is my commitment to God (Jn 14:15).
Justification requires obedience to one command: to believe the Gospel (Acts 6:7).	Sanctification requires obedience to all of Christ's commands (Matt 28:19-20).
Justification focuses on the cross which Jesus took up once and for all (1 Cor 1:18).	Sanctification focuses on the cross which I am to take up daily (Lk 9:53).
Justification is finished at the moment of faith (Jn 5:24).	Sanctification is not finished until I go to be with the Lord (1 Cor 9:24-27).

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