



# Session 9

Of Effectual Calling, Justification, Adoption, and  
Sanctification

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# The WCF on Effectual Call

- ▶ **All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, he effectually calls, by his Word and Spirit, to grace and salvation, by Jesus Christ; enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God, renewing their wills, and, by his almighty power effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.** (WCF 10:1)
- ▶ **This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, who is altogether passive, being renewed by the Holy Spirit and enabled to answer this call.** (WCF 10:2)
- ▶ **Elect infants, dying in infancy, are regenerated, and saved by Christ, through the Spirit, who worketh when, and where, and how he pleaseth: so also are all other elect persons who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the Word.** (WCF 10:3)
- ▶ **Others, not elected, although they may be called by the ministry of the Word, and may have some common operations of the Spirit, yet they never truly come unto Christ, and therefore cannot be saved...** "Common Grace" (WCF 10:4)



# The Plan of Salvation in a nutshell

- ▶ And we know that **God causes all things to work together** for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. (Rom 8:29 NAS)
- ▶ For whom He foreknew, **He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son** (Rom 8:29 NAS)
  - ▶ Whom **He predestined**,
  - ▶ these **He also called**; and whom He called,
  - ▶ these **He also justified**; and whom He justified,
  - ▶ these **He also glorified**. (Rom 8:28-30 NAS)
- ▶ He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, **that we should be holy and blameless before Him** (Eph 1:4 NAS)



# The “I” in T.U.L.I.P. “Irresistible Grace” or “Effectual Call”

## Q. 67. What is effectual calling? (WSC Q.31) (Part 1)

Effectual calling is

- **The work of God’s** almighty power and **grace**, whereby (**out of his free and special love to his elect, and from nothing in them moving him thereunto**)
  - **We love, because He first loved us.** (1Jo 4:19 NAS)

He doth, in his accepted time:

- **Invite and draw them** to Jesus Christ, **by his Word and Spirit**;
  - **He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,** whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that **being justified by His grace** ... (Tit 3:5-7 NAS)
  - **"No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.** (Joh 6:44-45 NAS)



# The Order of Decrees

SUPERNATURALIST	PARTICULAR	Supralapsarian	→	Forordained Everything	→	Creation	→	Total Depravity	→	Definite Atonement	→	Efficacious Grace	→	Perserverance of Saints
		Infralapsarian	→	Creation	→	Total Depravity	→	Election of some	→	Definite Atonement	→	Efficacious Grace	→	Perserverance of Saints
		Amyraldian	→	Creation	→	Total Depravity	→	General Atonement	→	Election of some	→	Efficacious Grace	→	Perserverance of Saints
	UNIVERSAL	Lutheran	→	Creation	→	Total Depravity	→	General Atonement	→	Efficacious Grace	→	Election of some	→	Conditional/Perserverance
		Universalistic	→	Creation	→	Total Depravity or Deprivation	→	Election of All	→	Definite Atonement for All	→	Efficacious Grace for All	→	Salvation of All
		Weslyan	→	Creation	→	Deprivation	→	General Atonement	→	Resistable Grace	→	Election upon faith	→	Salvation upon Faith
	SACERDOTAL	Anglican	→	Creation	→	Deprivation	→	General Atonement	→	Sacramental Grace	→	Sacrament works	→	2 Sacrament Salvation
		Roman Catholic	→	Creation	→	Deprivation	→	Sacrament of Mass	→	Sacramental Grace	→	Sacrament works	→	7 Sacrament Salvation
		Orthodox	→	Creation	→	Deprivation	→	Sacrament of Mass	→	Sacramental Grace	→	Sacrament works	→	7 Sacrament Salvation
	NATURALIST	Semipelagian	→	Creation	→	Free Will	→	General Atonement	→	Persuasive Gospel	→	Grace no Works	→	Once saved always saved
		Pelagian	→	Creation	→	Free Will	→	Persuasive Gospel	→	Expiate past sin	→	All good works	→	Salvation upon Works



## Q. 67. What is effectual calling? (Part 2)

- **God Savingly enlightens their minds,**
  - **That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him** (Eph 1:17-18 NAS)
- **Renews and powerfully determines their wills,** so as they (although in themselves dead in sin) **are hereby made willing and able freely to answer his call,** and to accept and embrace the grace offered and conveyed therein.
  - But God, being rich in mercy, **because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive** together with Christ (Eph 2:4-5 NAS)
  - Moreover, **I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes,** and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. (Eze 36:26-27 NAS)

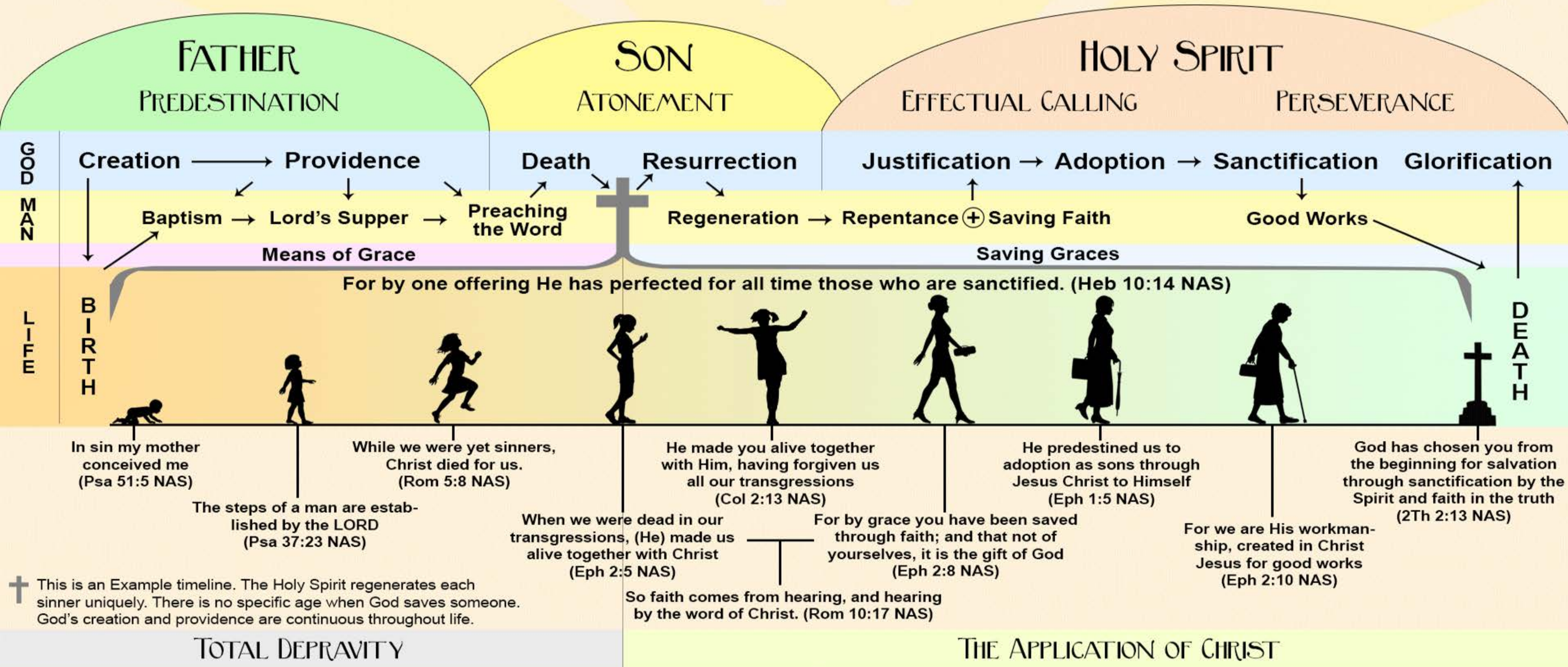


# The Trinity in Salvation

Whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. (Rom 8:30 NAS)

I will put My laws upon their heart, And upon their mind I will write them," He then says, "And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more. (Heb 10:16-17 NAS)

Having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. (Rom 6:22 NAS)



By grace you have been saved (Eph 2:5)

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## Q. 68. Are the elect only effectually called?

### ► A. **All the elect, and they only, are effectually called;**

- And when the Gentiles heard this, they *began* rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and **as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.** (Act 13:48 NAS)
- But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep. "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; (Joh 10:3, 26-27 NAS)

### ► **Although others may be, and often are, outwardly called** by the ministry of the Word, have some common operations of the Spirit; who, **for their willful neglect and contempt of the grace offered to them**, being justly left in their unbelief, do never truly come to Jesus Christ. "Common Grace"

- For in the case of **those who have once been enlightened** and have tasted of the heavenly gift and **have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit**, and have **tasted the good word of God** and the powers of the age to come, and **then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew** them again to repentance (Heb 6:4-6 NAS)
- **They went out from us, but they were not really of us**; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us. (1Jo 2:19 NAS)





Q. 69. What is the communion in grace which the members of the invisible church have with Christ?

- ▶ A. The communion in grace which the members of the invisible church have with Christ, **is their partaking** of the virtue **of His mediation**, in their **justification, adoption, sanctification**, and whatever else, in this life, manifests their **union with him**.
  - **He predestined us to adoption as sons** through Jesus Christ to Himself, **according to the kind intention of His will** (Eph 1:5 NAS)
  - And such were some of you; **but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ**, and in the Spirit of our God. (1Co 6:11 NAS)
  - **But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption**, that, just as it is written, "**Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.**" (1Co 1:30-31 NAS)



## Q. 70. What is justification? (WSC Q.33)

- A. **Justification is an act of God's free grace** unto sinners, in which he
- **Pardons all their sins**, accepts **and accounts their persons righteous** in his sight;
    - "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, And whose sins have been covered. **"Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account.** (Rom 4:6-8 NAS)
  - **Not for anything wrought in them, or done by them,**
    - So then **it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy** (Rom 9:16 NAS)
  - **But only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ,**
    - In Him **we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of His grace, (Eph 1:7 NAS)
  - **By God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.**
    - That **He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith** in Jesus. (Rom 3:26 NAS)





# Warfield on Justification by Faith

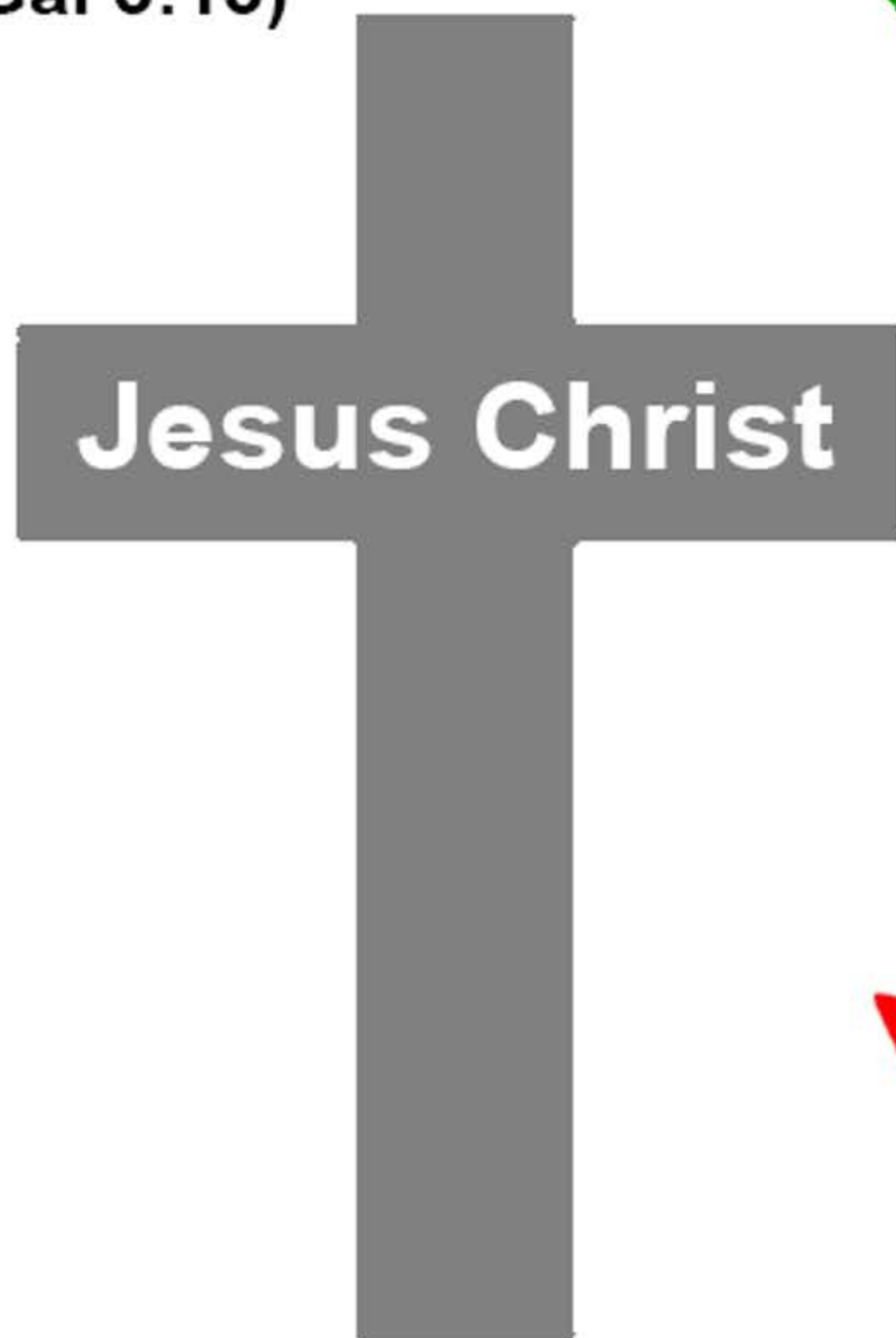
Justification by Faith means, that is to say, that we look to Christ and to him alone for salvation, and come to God pleading Christ's death and righteousness as the grounds of our hope to be received into his favor...

It means pleading the merits of Christ before the throne of grace instead of our own merits.

(Justification By Faith, Out of Date? by B. B. Warfield)



Christ redeemed us from the  
curse of the Law, having  
become a curse for us  
(Gal 3:13)



**Reconciliation**



Christ's  
Righteousness  
credited to us

Now all these things  
are from God, who  
reconciled us to Him-  
self through Christ  
(2Co 5:18)

## Substitutionary Atonement



Our debt of sin  
paid by Christ

He gave His life a  
ransom for many.  
(Mar 10:45)



**Redemption**



## 71. How is justification an act of God's free grace?

A. **Christ**, by his obedience and death, **did make full satisfaction to God's justice in the behalf of them that are justified;**

**God accepts the satisfaction of his own only Son, imputing Christ's righteousness to sinners, and requiring nothing of them for their justification but faith, which also is his gift, their justification is to them of free grace.**

- **He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2Co 5:21 NAS)**
- **He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit (Tit 3:5 NAS)**
- **For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; (Eph 2:8 NAS)**



## Q. 73. How doth faith justify a sinner in the sight of God?

- ▶ A. **Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of God**, not because of those other graces which do always accompany it, or of good works that are the fruits of it, nor as if the grace of faith, or any act thereof, were imputed to him for his justification; **but only as it is an instrument by which he receiveth and applieth Christ and his righteousness.**
  - Now that **no one is justified by the Law before God** is evident; for, "**The righteous man shall live by faith.**" (Gal 3:11 NAS)
  - For we maintain that **a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.** (Rom 3:28 NAS)
  - **Not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ**, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith (Phi 3:9 NAS)



## Q. 74. What is adoption? (WSC Q.34)

- A. **Adoption is an act of the free grace of God**, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, whereby
  - all those that are justified **are received into the number of his children**, (John 1:12)
  - **have his name put upon them**, (Rev. 3:12)
  - **the Spirit of his Son given to them**, (Gal. 4:6)
  - **are under his fatherly care** and dispensations, (Heb 12:5–7, 11)
  - **admitted to all** the liberties and **privileges of the sons of God**, made heirs of all the **promises**, and fellow heirs **with Christ in glory**. (Rom 8:17)
- For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, **but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"** (Rom 8:15 NAS; Gal 4:4-5)
- **And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty.** (2Co 6:18 NAS; 1Joh 3:1; Rom 8:16-17)



# The WCF on Sanctification

- ▶ **They, who are once effectually called, and regenerated,** (WCF 13:1)
  - ▶ Having **a new heart**, and a new spirit created in them,
  - ▶ Are further **sanctified**, really and personally, **through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit** dwelling in them:
  - ▶ **The dominion** of the whole body **of sin is destroyed, and** the several lusts thereof **are more and more weakened and mortified;**
  - ▶ And **they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.**
- ▶ This **sanctification is** throughout, **in the whole man; yet imperfect in this life**, there abiding still some remnants of corruption in every part; whence ariseth **a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit**, and the Spirit against the flesh. (WCF 13:2)
- ▶ In which war, although **the remaining corruption, for a time, may much prevail; yet,** through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, **the regenerate part doth overcome; and so, the saints grow in grace**, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (WCF 13:3)



## Q. 75. What is sanctification? (WSC Q.35)

A. **Sanctification is a work of God's grace** where God's elect **are:**

- **Applied the death and resurrection of Christ unto them and renewed**
  - According to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1Pe 1:3 NAS)
- **Granted repentance** unto life, **and** all other **saving graces**
  - For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. (Phi 2:13 NAS)
  - God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads* to life. (Act 11:18 NAS)
- **Strengthened, as they more and more die to sin, and live in newness of life.**
  - And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. (Eze 36:27 NAS)
  - God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth (2Th 2:13 NAS)
  - If any man is in Christ, *he is* a new creature (2Co 5:17 NAS)



## Q. 77. Wherein do justification and sanctification differ?

Although sanctification be inseparably joined with justification, yet they differ, in that :

### ➤ God in justification

- **Imputes the righteousness of Christ.** (Rom. 4:6, 8)
- **Equally frees all believers from the wrath of God** perfectly in this life, **that they never fall into condemnation.** (Rom. 8:33–34)
- **All sin is fully pardoned.** (Rom. 3:24–25)

### ➤ God in sanctification

- **Infuses grace by his Spirit**, and **enabling to good works**; (Ezek. 36:27, Heb. 9:13–14, Rom. 6:6, 14)
- **Is not equal in all Christians.** (Heb. 5:12–14, 1 John 2:12–14)
- **Not perfect** in any in this life. (Pro 20:9, 1 John 1:8, 10)
- But subduing sin and **growing up towards perfection.** (2 Cor. 7:1, Phil. 3:12–14)



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  - ▶ Q. 79. May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?