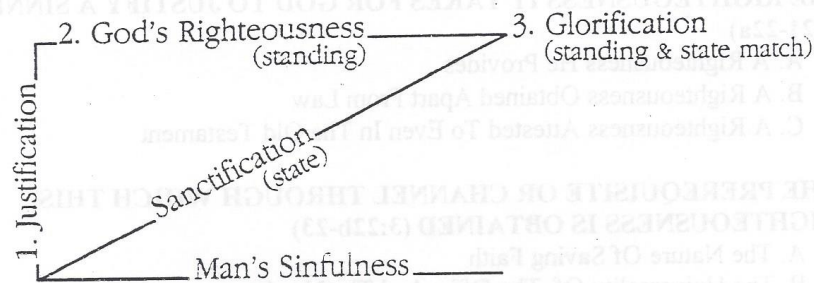


# **"HOW GOD JUSTIFIES SINFUL MEN"**

## **ROMANS 3:21-24**

- I. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS IT TAKES FOR GOD TO JUSTIFY A SINNER (3:21-22a)**
  - A. A Righteousness He Provides
  - B. A Righteousness Obtained Apart From Law
  - C. A Righteousness Attested To Even In The Old Testament
  
- II. THE PREREQUISITE OR CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH THIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IS OBTAINED (3:22b-23)**
  - A. The Nature Of Saving Faith
  - B. The Universality Of The Offer And The Need
  
- III. THE MOTIVATION OF GOD IN THE JUSTIFICATION OF SINFUL MEN: THE DEMONSTRATION OF HIS GRACE (3:24a)**
  
- IV. THE WORK OF THE SON OF GOD IN SECURING OUR JUSTIFICATION (3:24b)**
  - A. Explanation Of Redemption
  - B. Ramifications Of Redemption
    - a. Release From Sin's Guilt
    - b. Release From Sin's Penalty
    - c. Release From Sin's Power
    - d. Release From Sin's Process In Our Physical Bodies

## JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION & GLORIFICATION A COMPARISON



Man moves from point 1 to point 2 instantaneously. The very instant one believes the gospel, God declares that person righteous. No process is involved nor is there any sort of probation. While remaining a sinner, the believer receives a standing before God. This standing is called justification. It is complete and permanent and sufficient to bring one into the very presence of God.

Moving from point 1 to point 3 is a different matter. It is not instantaneous but gradual. It is called sanctification. Sanctification occurs as one learns the word of God, believes it, integrates it into one's way of thinking, and renders obedience to its demands. We may refer to it as one's state.

When our standing (justification) and our state (sanctification) match, we will then be glorified. We shall then be "like Him" in body, soul, and spirit. These great doctrines become the theme of Romans 4 through 8.

### *FAITH*

Justification by faith—

- is extrospective
- is self-renouncing
- looks outside oneself
- looks at God's work
- glorifies God
- results in God-centered life
- begets humility

### *WORKS*

Justification by works—

- is introspective
- is self-congratulating
- looks inside oneself
- looks at man's work
- glorifies man
- results in man-centered life
- begets pride