

The Christ-Centered Life
The Foundation is our Position in Christ

Review: Important Aspects of Spirituality

Intro:

A foundation is the basis upon which something stands, or is supported.

There is an important principle here for our spiritual life. Mt. 7:24-27

What is the only adequate foundation for eternal life and a life that results in true spiritual transformation?

We must understand that the first key to effectiveness in living a godly life is **to know** what God has done for us and **to know** what our resources are in Him. How?

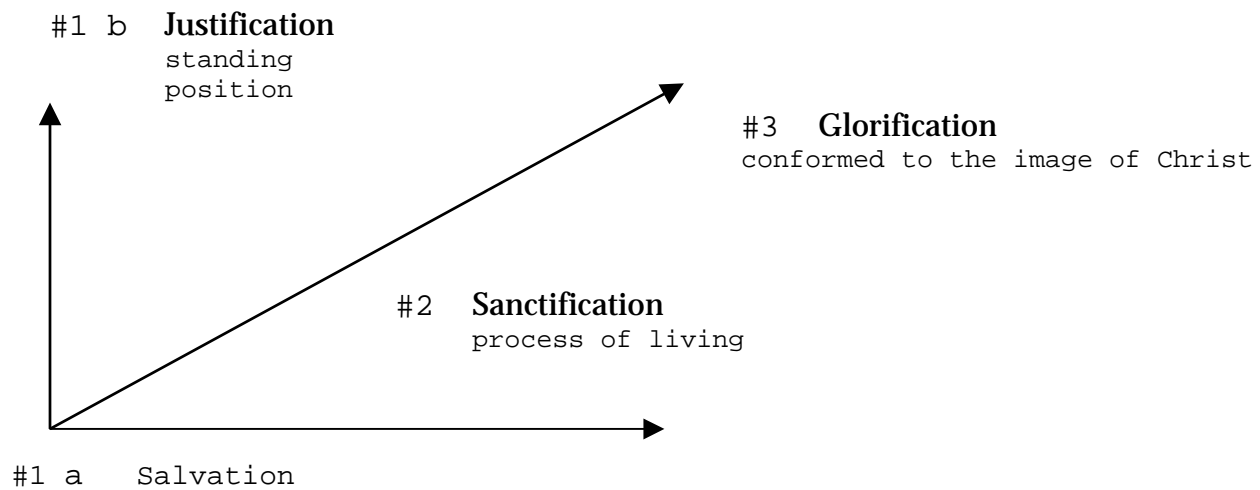
In terms of all aspects of our salvation and all that it brings we must know and be convinced that **God has done it all**.

Understanding what God has done for us and who we are in Christ is foundational to having the **right motive** for living the Christian life, and the **right motive** is a vital key in the process of transformation, growing and maturing spiritually.

The means for knowing who we are so that such knowledge transforms our motives and thinking is a **renewed mind in the Word**, having a mind saturated with divine viewpoint:

Our **position in Christ** and our identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection forms the basis, the foundation for victory over the desires of the flesh (sin nature) and provides us a completely **new capacity for life**.

How the great Doctrines of Romans fit and relate to our lives;



➤ Romans 6 Overview; breaks down into 3 parts; 3 paragraphs

1. 6:1-11 Emphasis is on **information**;

2. 6:12-14 Emphasis is on **exhortation**;

3. 6:15-23 Emphasis is **explanation**;

+	He died for me, back there!
—x	Paul says; You also died with Him!

➤ Paul begins by answering in this context, 2 major questions;

#1. Question raised in 6:1 Ethical question;

#2. 2nd Question is in Rom 6:15 Legal question;

If we're not under the law than what is going to restrain the OSN?

➤ Some important words to watch for:

Have a term that is found 16 times in chapter 6 alone ἡ ἁμαρτία . [he hamartia - the sin]

2 more key words

Know v. 3, 6, 9 [οἶδα] basis for all advance as a believer!

consider, v. 11 to reckon λογίζομαι

- If we fail to understand the message of 6:1-14 we will always be spiritual casualties on the road of life.