

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the first 2 chapters of Acts.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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“HOW TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL”

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Topics

1. Witnessing and the Holy Spirit.
2. What do Paul, Lydia, the 600,000 in Nineveh, and every converted unbeliever have in common?
3. Witnessing and the Word of God.
4. Why the negative first and not the positive?
5. Weak/shallow gospel.
6. **Justification vs. sanctification.**
7. Lordship salvation.
8. Religious people.
9. Witnessing to people at different relationship levels.
10. Terminology.
11. How to handle objections.
12. Witnessing to Jews.
13. Transitions.
14. The importance of pre-witnessing training.
15. Observer/Presenter.
16. Memorization

Salvation

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 3

Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
I have been saved.	I am being saved.	I shall be saved.

Saved from the
penalty of sin.

Saved from the
power of sin.

Saved from the
presence of sin.

Justification vs. Sanctification

Justification is a legal declaration. It is not a process.

Sanctification is a process.

Biblical Christianity stands alone among all religions where justification comes before sanctification.

Phil 3:7-9

- 7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
- 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,
- 9 and may be found in Him, 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,

When the ground of justification moves from Christ outside of us to the work of Christ inside of us, then the gospel shifts:

1. From external to internal.

2. From objective to subjective.

“You know you are saved if your life shows evidence of salvation.”

Then the next logical question is, "How good must I be, and for how long before I know I am saved?" Therefore Faith + Works = Salvation

3. From Christ's righteousness to my righteousness.

4. From assurance in what Christ has done to no assurance in what I have done.

5. From a legal transaction to a personal possession.

6. From instant declaration to process transformation.

7. From a Christ-centered gospel to a man centered gospel.

It is a backward gospel.

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The 2 (Justification and Sanctification) are not to be confused by mixing them in a gospel presentation.

Abraham was justified 19 years before the event of his obedience to sacrifice his son.

Gal 3:1-3

- 1 You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?
- 2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?
- 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?