

Justification - Sanctification

Dear Mr. Wores,

Thank you for your ~~letter~~ note of March 3rd. It is indeed a ~~pleasant~~ pleasure to answer ~~my~~ inquiries of this kind.

The problem ~~comes~~ in the fact that the word salvation is used in the Scripture in a broad sense and in the narrower sense. The Scripture teaches that we have been saved and ~~we~~ are being saved, and we will be saved. The entire salvation properly includes everything ~~that~~ from God's having originally chosen us to be heirs of salvation up to the time when we receive our resurrection body and our deliverance ~~from~~ ^{us} all the misery and suffering as that goes with a body and the world that ~~suffers~~ ^{ing} from the ~~curse~~ of sin. All of this and each part of it is sometimes in Scriptures called salvation. The result of this is that it is true to say that... salvation does include justification in which God puts ~~His~~ ^{the} merits/ ^{of Jesus Christ} on our accounts and ^{He} considers us as if we had never been lost. It also includes sanctification in which God gradually applies through the Holy Spirit to our ~~lives~~, changes our character and transforms our ~~lives~~ ^{perfect} little by little until we conform to the ^{the Lord} image of Jesus Christ. It includes ~~a~~ ^{the} marvellous glorification that is ahead ~~of~~ and the ultimate freeing of our bodies from the weaknesses and imperfections that have come as result of sin... .

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Actually it would be ~~far~~ more correct to say instead of ~~salvation~~ saying salvation by faith ~~only~~ only we were to say justification by faith only. Justification is from our human standpoint is the first step in our salvation. Justification comes instantaneously when we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and we are born again into His marvellous kingdom. There is nothing we can do to earn our salvation. It is a free gift from God. It comes only through faith. Works have nothing to do with it.