

## I - Justification

Justification means righteousness has been imputed (or credited) to a person's account. A person is not *made* righteous, but rather righteousness has been credited to his account.

Justification is a legal transaction.

Justification is a position before God.

## II - Reconciliation

Romans 5:10-11 introduces the fact that when we are justified we also are reconciled:

**10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.**

**11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we now have received the atonement.**

Reconciliation means two enemies have been brought together into a relationship of peace.

Romans 5:10 states that when we were enemies of God, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son. We now have entered into a relationship with our creator through the provision of Jesus Christ.

JUSTIFICATION is our position with God.

RECONCILIATION is our relation to God.

## III - Sanctification

Sanctification means "set apart" or "separated."

When the Holy Spirit enters into my life, I experience *sanctification* and am now considered a *saint* (a set-apart person). Paul describes the end result of this process in I Corinthians 6:19-20:

**19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?***

**20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

JUSTIFICATION is a spiritual position that I permanently have with God based on the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

RECONCILIATION is the spiritual relation between me and the Spirit of God.

SANCTIFICATION is a spiritual condition that is permanent because of the eternal dwelling of the Holy Spirit in my life.

## IV - Introduction of Sin and Restoration of Men

In Romans 5:12-23 Paul presents the history of sin through Adam and restoration through Christ. Paul summarizes these concepts in I Corinthians 15:22, "**For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**"

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| <u>Romans 5:12</u>       | one man<br>committed one act<br>(the) sin entered into the world       | Adam<br>disobedience<br>and death through sin          |
| <u>Romans 5:15,17,19</u> | one man<br>committed one act<br>brought the gift of grace to the world | Christ<br>obedience<br>and righteousness through grace |

When Adam disobeyed God, the sin entered into the world.

**IMPORTANT DEFINITION:** "The sin" in the Bible is an expression of "the sin principle" or source of sin.

The word sin is singular and has the definite article ("the"), which denotes a particular type of sin, not "sin in general" or "an act of sin."

I John 3:8 states that the sin principle is the devil, "**He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**"

The sin principle entered the world through Adam and was passed on to the entire human race. Romans 5:12

Every person born into this physical world is born with a sin nature which is governed by the devil, the principle of sin. This sin nature is inherited by everyone at the time of conception. Psalm 51:5

When sin entered the world death also entered through sin. Romans 5:12

Adam experienced immediate spiritual death when he sinned, physical death was also introduced to mankind at this time. Romans 5:12

**IMPORTANT DEFINITION:** Death means "separation." It does not mean "cease to exist."

When a person is in a condition of spiritual death, they exist but are separated from the life of God.  
When a person is in a condition of physical death, they exist but are separated from their physical body.

Everyone has a sin nature that has the sin principle as its controlling force.

**1 And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;  
2 Wherein time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:  
3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.**  
**Ephesians 2:1-3**

Satan is the prince and power of the air who works (energizes) in the children of disobedience; among whom we also had our lifestyle once in the lusts of our flesh.

The sin source works through the flesh and the mind and the non-believer is governed by this sin principle.

## V - Salvation

A person must experience deliverance (or salvation) from this energy source of sin that controls a person's life and holds him prisoner.

This salvation process is called by various names in the New Testament:

John 3:3           **"born from above"**

Titus 3:5           **"the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit"**

II Peter 1:4       **"to become partakers of the divine nature"**

The Holy Spirit delivers a person from the sin principle and the Holy Spirit Himself then dwells in that person's spirit.

The person who experiences this deliverance is now set apart from the sin principle and energized by the Holy Spirit living within.

The person living under the influence of the sin principle lives a habitual lifestyle of sin. This person is not saved. Every person born physically into this life lives in this condition and under this influence.

The flesh that the body is made of possesses its own condition.

Even though the body of flesh has been cut off from its source of sin, the desires of sin still remain in the flesh but no longer have control over a person.

A person's flesh will never submit to the Spirit of God, and will spend the rest of its existence fighting against the Spirit of God residing within.

**For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.**

**Galatians 5:17**

## VI - Interaction

When we enter in to a personal relationship with the Lord by receiving His Spirit, there are three characteristics of the Lord that enter our life:

His death  
His burial  
His resurrection

When Jesus died, we died. We were buried with Him. We were raised in newness of life by the resurrection power of Christ.

**I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20**

**3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?**

**4 Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

**5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.**

**Romans 6:3-5**

Paul presents his interaction with Christ in Philippians 3:10, "**that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death.**"

## VII - Conclusion

The person who has been born of the Spirit of God (has the Spirit of God dwelling within him) no longer practices the habit of sin. It is impossible for him to practice the sin principle because the sin principle is no longer there and the Holy Spirit dwells within. This information answers the major questions that arise in a person's mind in reading the following Scriptures.

**Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him. I John 3:6**

**8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**

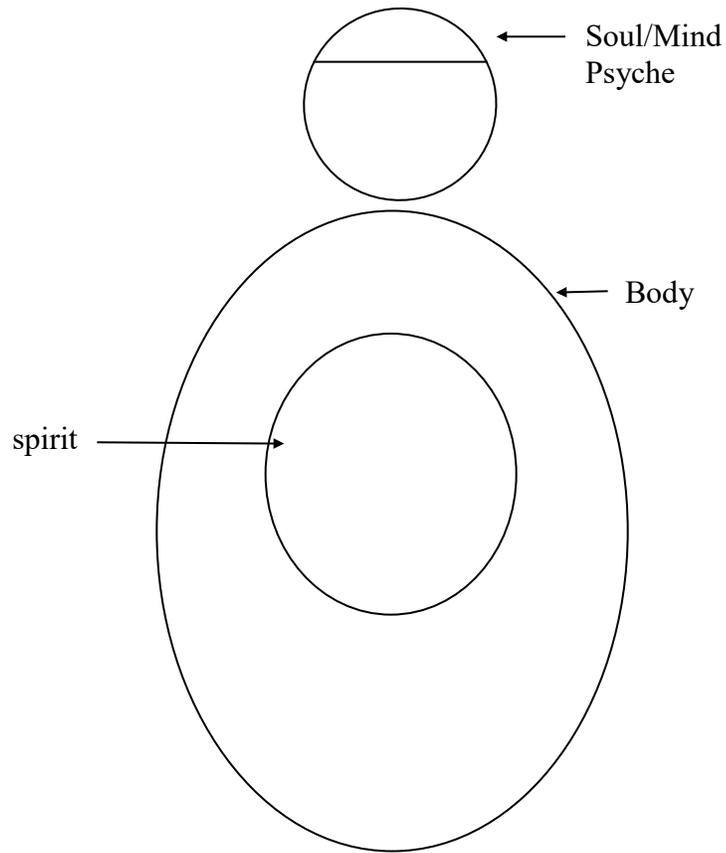
**9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.**

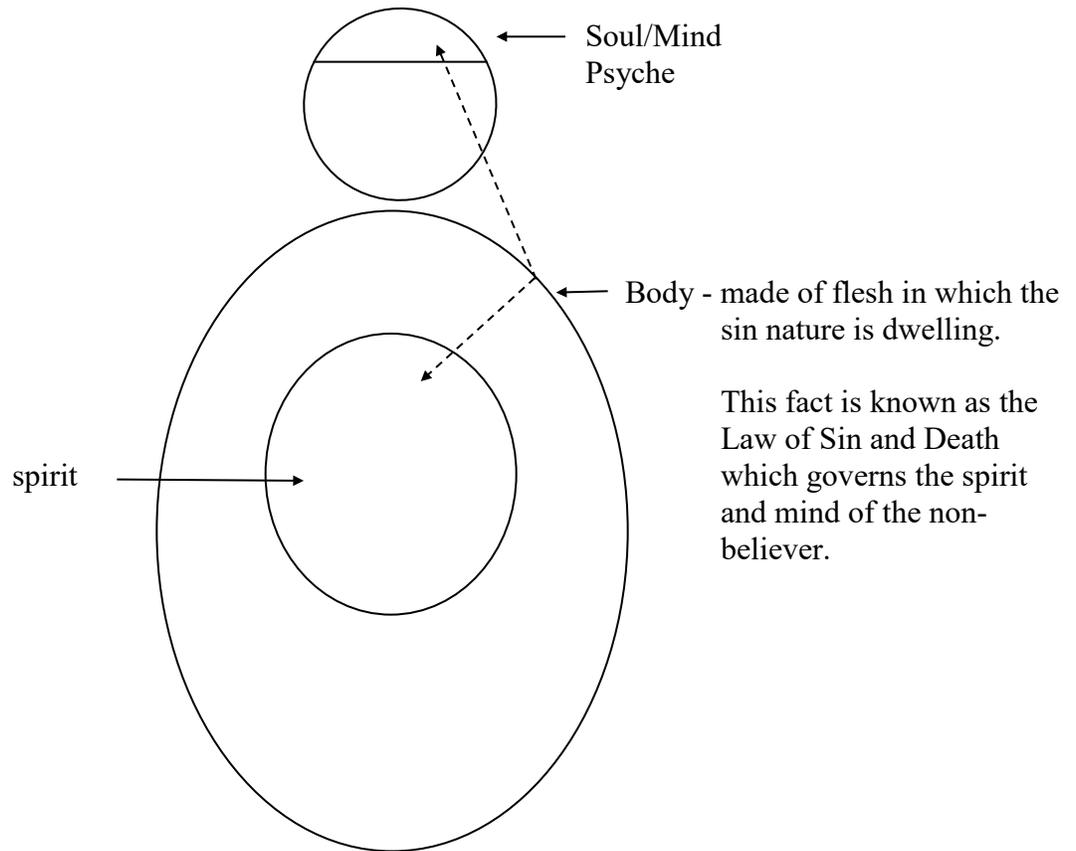
**I John 3:8-9**

**We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. I John 5:18**

It is important to note that the Bible does not say that a Christian does not sin. It teaches that a believer is not able to practice the life of sin.

**I John 2:1 "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." The word translated "sin" is aorist in tense and subjunctive in mood. The aorist subjunctive represents an act of sin, not the practice of sin. It would be more literally translated, "these things write I unto you, that ye should not commit an act of sin. And if any man should commit an act of sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."**





This fact is known as the  
Law of Sin and Death  
which governs the spirit  
and mind of the non-  
believer.

