



Basics of Christian Living

**LIVING
THE WORD**



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Lesson 1:

Assurance of Salvation

- Goal #1: To remove any nagging _____ about salvation.¹
- Goal #2: To remove any _____ about salvation.²

(Heb. 9:27; Matt. 7:22-23; 1 John 5:13; Rev. 3:15-16)

A. The nature of _____³

(Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 3:23; John 1:12; Rom. 6:23; Gal. 6:7)

- To trespass is to cross a line or step out of bounds.
- To sin is to miss the mark or fall short of the standard God has set for us.

B. The nature of _____⁴ *(Eph. 2:4-7)*

1. Who He is: God is rich in _____ and loves us with unfathomable _____.⁵

2. What He did: God made us _____ with Christ.⁶ *(Rom. 5:8)*

- Salvation is not a status we earn, but a miracle God does.

3. Why He did it: "So that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His _____."⁷ *(Eph. 2:7)*

C. The nature of _____⁸
(Eph. 2:8-10; 1 Cor. 12:9)

- You will never be _____ about the _____ of your salvation until you are _____ about its _____.⁹

1. Salvation is _____.¹⁰

- The Greek word for grace is charis, from which we get the word charismatic.

Grace is

G _____

R _____

A _____

C _____

E _____¹¹

(1 Pet. 3:18; Col. 1:14; 1 John 2:2)

b. _____ is God giving me what I deserve.¹²

_____ is God withholding from me what I deserve.¹³

_____ is God giving me what I do not deserve.¹⁴

2. Salvation is _____.¹⁵

- The Greek word pistis is translated as faith, belief, or trust.

a. To believe in Jesus is _____ to think He lived or did _____.¹⁶

b. Believing or faith describes a _____ of one's _____.¹⁷
(*Jas. 2:19; John 3:16*)

Faith means:

F _____

A _____

I _____

T _____

H _____¹⁸

(*Rom. 10:13; Jas. 2:17-20; Eph. 2:10*)

3. Salvation is _____
_____.¹⁹

4. Salvation is a _____,
and _____ event.²⁰

- I _____ saved
from the _____ of sin.²¹
(*Rom. 8:1*)

- I _____ saved
from the _____ of sin.²²
(*Rom. 6:12-14; Eph. 1:14; 1 John 4:4*)

- I _____ saved
from the _____ of sin.²³ (*Rom. 5:9-10*)

Endnotes

- 1 doubts
- 2 false assurances
- 3 man
- 4 God
- 5 mercy, love
- 6 alive
- 7 grace
- 8 salvation
- 9 confident, certainty, clear, basis
- 10 by grace
- 11 God's Riches At Christ's Expense
- 12 Justice
- 13 Mercy
- 14 Grace
- 15 through faith
- 16 not, something
- 17 surrendering, will
- 18 Forsaking All I Take Him
- 19 for good works
- 20 past, present, future
- 21 have been, penalty
- 22 am being, power
- 23 shall be, presence

Lesson 2:

Forgiveness of Sins

Introduction:

- To live our Christian lives to the fullest, we must each _____ and _____ God's forgiveness.¹ (*Rom. 6:1-2; Acts 13:38*)
 - A maskil is a genre of Psalms in which the author gives wisdom based on his own life experiences.
1. When sin is forgiven, it's a _____! ²
(*Ps. 32:1-2; 1:1; 103:12; Isa. 43:25; Mic. 5:9*)
 - Blessed means "exceedingly happy" or "to be congratulated."
 - David's keen awareness of his own sin magnified his blessing.
 - *"Note the three words so often used to denote our disobedience: transgression, sin, and iniquity, are the three headed dog at the gates of hell." - Charles Spurgeon*
 2. When sin is not forgiven, it's a _____. ³
(*Ps. 32:3-4; Prov. 28:13*)
 3. God's forgiveness erases the _____, but not the _____ of sin. ⁴
(*Ps. 32:5; 1 Sam. 13-18; Prov. 20:1; 1 Cor. 6:18; Gal. 6:7-8; Heb. 12:11*)
 4. Only after we are right with God can we _____ and _____ Him acceptably. ⁵ (*Ps. 51:14-17; 1 Cor. 11:27-32*)

5. True _____ always results in
_____ forgiveness. ⁶

(1 John. 1:9; Ps. 51:3-4)

a. I agree with God that I have _____. ⁷

- The Hebrew word for confess, yadah, means "to pour out of the mouth."
- The Greek word for confess, homologeo, means "to _____ the same." ⁸

b. I agree with God that _____ is needed. ⁹
(2 Cor. 7:9-10; 1 John 1:8)

- Forgiveness may not mean we become _____, but as Christians we should be sinning _____. ¹⁰ *(Rom. 12:2)*

c. I agree with God that _____ died to
_____ me of this sin. ¹¹ *(1 Pet. 2:24;
Col. 1:13-14; Ps. 51:7-12; Acts 13:22; Matt. 26:2)*

“Jesus paid it all.
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a
crimson stain.
He washed it
white as snow.”

- Jesus Paid It All, by Elvina M. Hall

Endnotes

- 1 understand, personalize
- 2 blessing
- 3 burden
- 4 guilt, consequences
- 5 serve, worship
- 6 confession, complete
- 7 sinned
- 8 speak
- 9 change
- 10 sinless, less
- 11 Jesus, forgive

Lesson 3:

The Holy Spirit

Part 1

1. The Holy Spirit is our permanent _____.¹
(*John 14:16-17, 25-26*)
 - parakletos = helper, counselor, or comforter; one called alongside to help
2. The Holy Spirit has the exact same _____ and _____ as Jesus Himself.²
 - hetero = another only different
 - allos = another exactly the same
3. The Holy Spirit _____ and _____ us of the truth.³ (*John 16:5-17, 26; 2 Tim. 3:16*)
4. The Holy Spirit is a unique _____.⁴
5. The Holy Spirit _____ the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment.⁵ (*Acts 1:4, 8*)
6. The Holy Spirit _____ believers.⁶
(*1 John 4:4; Acts 2:37-41*)
7. All true Christians _____ the gift of the Holy Spirit.⁷ (*Rom. 8:5-9; Acts 2:38; John 3:34; 1 Thess. 5:19*)
 - The Holy Spirit is either working on your heart from the outside, trying to get in, or He's working on you from the inside where He now resides.
 - In any given moment, does the Holy Spirit have all of you?

8. In every believer the Spirit is _____, but He is not always _____.⁸

9. The best evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence is a _____.⁹

(Gal. 5:16-21; Eph. 6:17; Acts 20:27; Jude 1:3; 2 Cor. 10:4; 1 Tim. 4:1)

- immorality (Greek porneia) = refers to all sexual expression outside of marriage between a man and a woman
- impurity (Greek akatharsia) = refers to something filthy or unclean; lewdness
- sensuality = carries the idea of abandonment; giving of oneself over to fleshly desires
- sorcery (Greek pharmakeia) = refers to the making and use of drugs and potions used in pagan worship to produce altered states, in which they experienced spiritual entities.

Endnotes

- 1 helper
- 2 power, purpose
- 3 teaches, reminds
- 4 personality
- 5 convicts
- 6 empowers
- 7 possess
- 8 resident, president
- 9 transformed life

Lesson 4:

The Holy Spirit

Part 2

*"Prautes is not readily expressed in English, as the term 'meekness' suggests weakness, but it is a condition of mind and heart which demonstrates gentleness, not in weakness, but in power. It is a balance born in strength of character."*¹ -Spiros Zodhiates

*The classic definition of prautes is "power under control." Zodhiates says this word describes one who "gets angry at the right time, in the right measure, and for the right reason."*²

10. All who have received the Spirit need to be

_____ with the Spirit.³

(Gal. 5:16-17, 22-23; Matt. 5:5; 11:29; Eph. 5:17-18)

- Insights into the word _____⁴

(Rom. 6:6; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 5:19-6:9; Col. 3:16-4:1)

- a. It refers to a state where one _____ takes over and _____ out every other.⁵

(Luke 6:11; Mark 4:41; John 2:17)

- b. "Filled" is in an _____ mood.⁶

- c. "Filled" is in a _____ voice.⁷

- d. "Filled" is in a Greek _____

_____.⁸ (Acts 2:4; 4:8, 31)

11. Allowing the _____ of Christ to richly

_____ in your life is the exact same thing as

being _____ with the Spirit.⁹

12. To help the Holy Spirit, _____ your will and

_____ your mind with God's Word.¹⁰

(Eph. 6:17)

Endnotes

- 1 Zodhiates, S. (2000). The complete word study dictionary: New Testament (electronic ed.). Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers
- 2 Ibid.
- 3 filled
- 4 filled
- 5 emotion, drives
- 6 imperative
- 7 passive
- 8 present tense
- 9 Word, dwell, filled
- 10 surrender, saturate



Lesson 5:
The Spiritual
Discipline
of Personal
Worship



- To _____ God, it is necessary to spend consistent _____ with Him. ¹

A. Select a _____.²

B. Commit to a _____.³

C. Develop a _____.⁴

1. _____ the Word.⁵

2. _____ on the Word.⁶

S _____ to _____⁷

P _____ to _____⁸

A _____ to _____⁹

C _____ to _____¹⁰

E _____ to _____¹¹

3. _____ through the Word.¹²

A _____¹³

C _____¹⁴

T _____¹⁵

S _____¹⁶

4. _____ for God's voice.¹⁷

(Gen. 18:33; Matt. 7:7; Ps. 46:10)

- God, is there anything you want to say to me: As
a Christian man/woman?

In my role as a single person/

married person/parent?

As a Christian leader?

- You will never hear God speak to you if you
never:

1) Ask Him to speak to you.

2) Get quiet enough to listen.

D. Find a _____.¹⁸ *(Matt. 26:40; Ps. 42:1)*

Endnotes

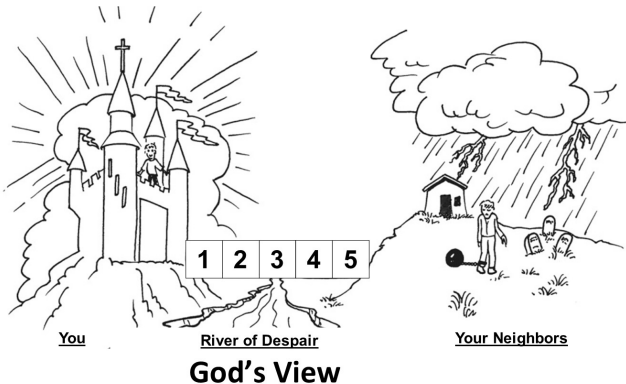
- 1 know, time
- 2 place
- 3 time
- 4 plan
- 5 read
- 6 meditate
- 7 sins, confess
- 8 promises, claim
- 9 actions, avoid
- 10 commands, obey
- 11 examples, follow
- 12 pray
- 13 adoration
- 14 confession
- 15 thanksgiving
- 16 supplication
- 17 Listen
- 18 partner

Lesson 6:

Sharing Christ with Others

Two things help us eliminate most of our fears:

- _____ exactly what Christ has called us to be and do.¹
- Have an accurate _____ of oneself and the lost.²



A. _____ God's _____ to
witness.³

(Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:17-20)

B. _____ a _____ to
witness.⁴

(1 Pet. 3:15)

1. You need a _____.⁵

2. You need your own clear and concise
_____.⁶

- This is who I was before Christ. This is how I came to know Christ. And this is the difference Christ has made in my life.

3. Memorize a gospel _____ with
_____ and _____.⁷
(Rom. 10:17; 1 Pet. 3:15)

- Learn gospel verses to include in your presentation.

4. You need a _____.⁸
(Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:9-10; Mark 16:16)

C. _____ our _____ for
witness.⁹

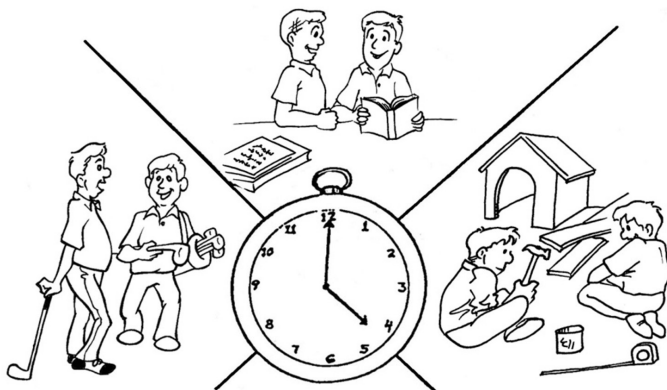
1. Make an unswerving commitment to personal
_____.¹⁰ (Matt. 5:16)

2. Make an unswerving commitment to a local
_____.¹¹

3. Identify your _____
_____ with unbelievers.¹²



4. Carve out and invest the _____
needed for _____.¹³



D. _____ specifically for witnessing
_____.¹⁴ (*Col. 4:2-3; Acts 4:29*)

E. Remember God's _____ in your witness.¹⁵
(*Isa. 55:11; Eccl. 11:5-6*)

- All that we are called to do is share the good news.

GOSPEL VERSES

Grace

Ephesians 2:8-9

Man

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

God

John 3:16

Exodus 34:7b

Jesus Christ

John 1:1, 14

I John 2:1-2

Faith

Ephesians 2:8-9

John 3:16

Acts 2:38

Romans 10:9-10

Romans 6:3-5

I Peter 3:21

Endnotes

- 1 Understand
- 2 perspective
- 3 Personalize, call
- 4 Prepare, plan
- 5 hook
- 6 testimony
- 7 presentation, Scriptures, transitions
- 8 close
- 9 Prioritize, lifestyle
- 10 holiness
- 11 church
- 12 common ground
- 13 time, relationships
- 14 Pray, opportunities
- 15 providence

Lesson 7:

Loving One Another

Introduction (1 John 3:10; Matt. 5:44; Gal. 6:10; 1 Cor. 12:31)

A. The _____ of love ¹

1. Love is more important than
_____. ² (1 Cor. 13:1; Matt. 6:4)

2. Love is more important than
_____. ³
(1 Cor. 13:2; 8:1; Matt. 22:37-39)

3. Love is more important than
_____. ⁴
(1 Cor. 13:2; Gal. 5:5-6; Luke 10:25-37)

4. Love is more important than
_____. ⁵ (1 Cor. 13:3)

"God is saying I can have the eloquence of an orator, I can have the knowledge of a genius, I can have the faith of a miracle worker, I can have the generosity of a philanthropist, and I can have the dedication of a martyr, but if I don't love, it doesn't count." -Rick Warren

B. The _____ of love ⁶

1. Make the _____ to
_____ others. ⁷

*(John 13:34-35; Rom. 5:5; Gal. 5:22; Phil. 2:3-4;
Matt. 7:12; 1 John 3:16-18; 1 Cor. 13:7; Luke 6:35-36;
Rom. 5:8)*

2. Make the _____ to
_____ with others. ⁸

(Ezek. 3:15; John 2:25; 11:35-36; 1 Cor. 12:26; 13:8-13)

Endnotes

- 1 priority
- 2 talent
- 3 intelligence
- 4 faith
- 5 generosity
- 6 practice
- 7 decision, love
- 8 effort, empathize

Lesson 8:

Knowing God's Will

Twelve Bible Facts about the Will of God

1. God wants me to _____ His will. ¹
(*Eph. 5:17*)
2. God's will for me is _____ knowing. ²
(*Jer. 29:11; Rom. 12:1-2*)
3. God does not reveal His will for my entire life

_____. ³ (*Acts 16:6-10*)
4. God isn't obligated to reveal any of His will if I'm not
_____ to do it. ⁴ (*John 7:17*)
5. God only reveals _____ of His specific will
for our lives after we have properly _____
to what He's already given. ⁵ (*Matt. 25:23, 29*)
6. If my greatest aim is to please the Lord, it's not unusual for
God's will and _____ to be
the same. ⁶ (*Ps. 37:4; Phil. 2:13*)
7. God has given me a _____
_____ that He expects me to use. ⁷
(*2 Tim. 1:7; Isa. 1:18; Rom. 1:21*)
8. God promises to give me _____ in answer
to believing _____. ⁸ (*Jas. 1:5; Heb. 11:6*)

9. God wants me to have the benefit of _____.⁹
(Ps. 1:1; Prov. 15:22; 19:20)
10. God's will for me will never be _____ to
God's Word.¹⁰
(Ps. 119:105; Jas. 1:17; Heb. 13:8; 2 Cor. 6:2, 14; Mark 16:16)
11. Above all else, God's will for me is that I have a right
_____ with Him.¹¹
(Ps. 25:12-15; 2 Pet. 3:9; Prov. 3:5-6)
12. Even if I've been outside of God's will for a long time, I can
get back into it _____.¹²

Endnotes

- 1 know
- 2 worth
- 3 all at once
- 4 willing
- 5 more, responded
- 6 my desires
- 7 sound mind
- 8 wisdom, prayer
- 9 godly counsel
- 10 contrary
- 11 relationship
- 12 now

Lesson 9:

Double Trouble

I. Sin always brings _____
_____.¹

A. Sin creates the _____ problem of an infected soul.²

1. Sin sickens our _____.³ (*Jer. 17:9*)

2. Sin distorts our _____.⁴
(*Rom. 1:21; Isa. 5:20*)

3. Sin poisons our _____.⁵ (*Jas. 4:1*)

4. Sin may imperil our _____
_____.⁶ (*Ps. 32:3*)

5. Sin is a _____
_____.⁷ (*Rom. 1*)

B. Sin has created a _____ problem before a holy God.⁸

1. _____ have sinned.⁹ (*Isa. 53:6*)

2. All are _____ lawbreakers before a holy lawgiver.¹⁰ (*1 John 3:4; Jas. 2:10*)

- Biblically, guilt refers to our status under the law, not our feelings about it.

3. The penalty of sin is spiritual death or _____.¹¹ (*Rom. 6:23; Rev. 21:8*)

II. God's grace provides a _____
_____ for our double trouble.¹²

A. God's _____ resolves our legal problem.¹³

1. To be justified is to be declared _____
_____.¹⁴

2. Justification is when God says it's

we'd _____ sinned.¹⁵

3. Justification had two steps:

a. God _____ all of our sin
on Christ.¹⁶

b. God _____ the righteousness
of Christ to us.¹⁷ (*2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 3:23-24*)

4. _____ means to purchase a
release for something.¹⁸ (*Rom. 3:25*)

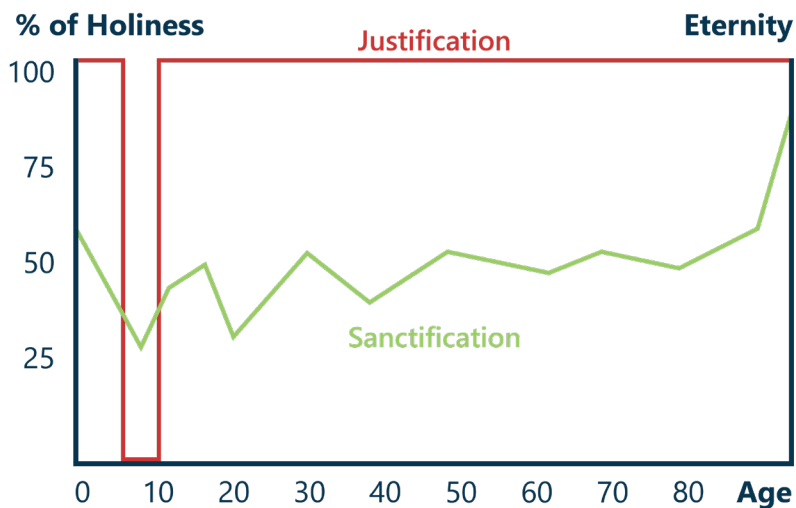
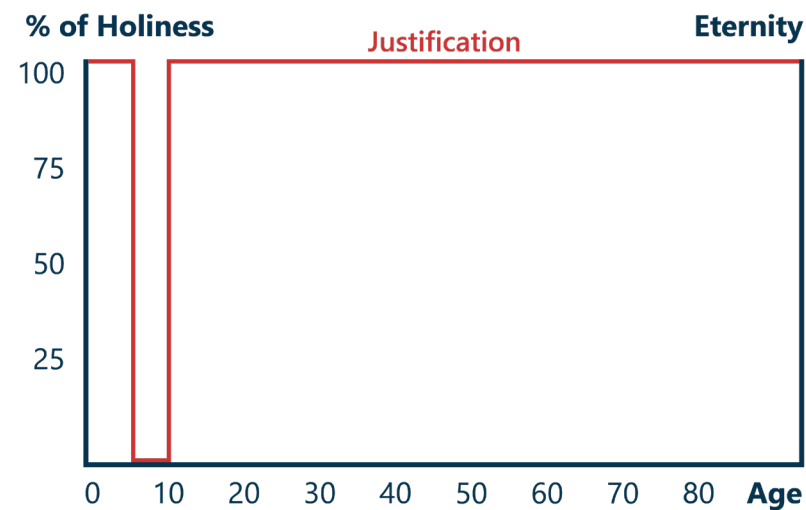
5. A propitiation is a substitutionary sacrifice that _____ and
appeases a lawgiver's wrath. ¹⁹
(*Rom. 1:18; 6:23; 3:25-28; 1 John 2:2*)

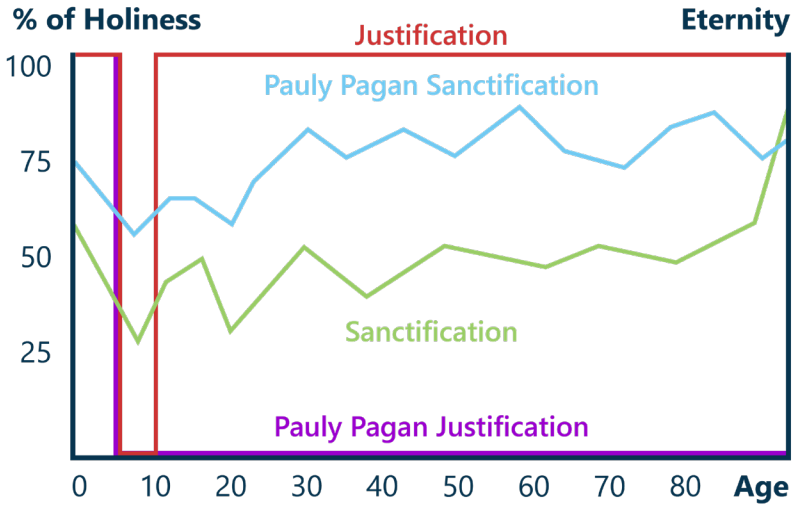
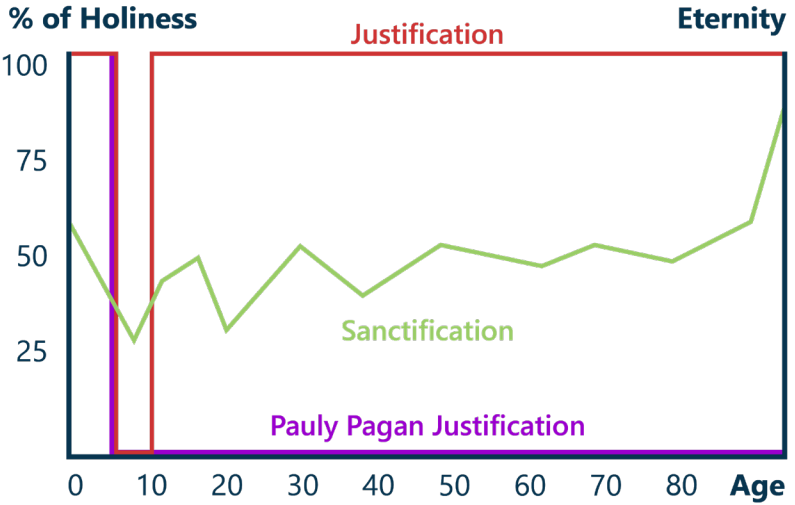
B. _____ is the process that cures our
soul's sickness. ²⁰

1. To sanctify is to make _____ or set
apart for God's purpose. ²¹ (*Titus 3:5-7*)

2. The Holy Spirit is the _____ and
_____ of God. ²²

3. The Holy Spirit empowers us to become
_____ what God had declared us to
be _____. ²³
(*Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 5:13; 1 John 3:2; Acts 2:38*)





Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood
From Thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin, the DOUBLE CURE.
Save me from ITS GUILT—**that's justification**—and
POWER. **That's sanctification.**
(*Rock of Ages, Augustus Toplady*)

Savior like a shepherd lead us.
Much we need Thy tender care.
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare.
Thou has promised to receive us.
Poor and sinful though we be.
Thou hast mercy to relieve us.
Grace to CLEANSE—**that's sanctification**—and power to
FREE—**that's justification!**
(*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, Dorothy Thrupp*)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame.
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
In that old rugged cross stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;

For t'was on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To PARDON – **justification** – and SANCTIFY me.
(Old Rugged Cross, George Bennard)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My Great Redeemer's praise.
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.
He breaks the power of cancelled sin;
He sets the prisoner free. **That's justification!**
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me. **That's sanctification!**
(O For a Thousand Tongues, Charles Wesley)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord.
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt.
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured.
There where the blood of the lamb was spilt.
Grace, grace, God's grace.
Grace that will PARDON - **or justify** - and CLEANSE
within - **or sanctify**.
Grace, grace, God's grace.
Grace that is greater than all our sin.
(Grace Greater Than All Our Sin, Julia Johnston)

Endnotes

- 1 Double trouble
- 2 health
- 3 heart
- 4 thinking
- 5 relationships
- 6 Physical health
- 7 Slippery slope
- 8 legal
- 9 All
- 10 guilty
- 11 hell
- 12 double cure
- 13 justification
- 14 not guilty
- 15 Just as if, never
- 16 placed
- 17 imputed
- 18 Redemption
- 19 satisfies law
- 20 Sanctification
- 21 holy
- 22 person, power
- 23 practically, positionally

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