

SERMON REFLECTIONS

The Risks of Justifying Grace

Romans 6:1 – 7:6 | 5 March 2023 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Sermon Reflections

1. Jesus came to save our Spirit, Soul and Body. Theologically we call the process of Salvation: Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification.

Justification: My spirit **has been saved** – *Romans 3:24-28, 5:15-19, 8:30-33, 10:10; Galatians 2:16-17; Titus 3:4-7*

- i. Read through at least two sets of the verses – what is the truth you can discern from them?
 - ii. Are you able to explain “justification” in your own words?
2. Sanctification: My soul (mind, emotions, will) **is being saved** – *Acts 20:32, Acts 26:18, Romans 15:16, 1 Corinthians 1:2, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6, Hebrews 10:26-29*
 - i. What kind of person would you be if you allow God to save you from the power of sin – what would happen to your mind, emotions, will?
 - ii. Think of all the sins which still influence you – quietly commit them to God, seeking His help to overcome them.
 - iii. If you are willing, share about one sin which still

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influences you – share how you believe it can be overcome.

3. Glorification: My body **will be saved** – *Matthew 22:30-32, John 11:25-26, Acts 4:2, Romans 6:5-6, 1 Cor 15:12-23, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Hebrews 6:2*

Read as many of the verses as possible. What does the Bible teach about glorification (that our bodies will be saved)?

4. The 3 aspects of Grace :
- a. Justifying Grace (*Justification by Believing Faith*)
 - b. Sanctifying Grace (*Sanctification through Action Faith*)
 - c. Glorifying Grace (*Glorification because of Faithfulness*)
- i. **What must we believe in, in order to have justifying grace?**
- ii. **What must we do, in order to have sanctifying grace? Share one means of grace (spiritual discipline) each, and share how it helps us spiritually.**
- iii. **How is it that glorification comes about because of faithfulness? Whose faithfulness – God's or yours? (or both?)**
5. **What are the two risks of justifying grace (read Romans 6:1,15)? Have you heard of Christians who have twisted the application of God's word? Share about it so that we can learn what not to do.**

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6. **Discuss what Pastor Aaron taught regarding baptism – how does it teach us about Justifying Grace, and why is it a means of Sanctifying Grace?**

7. Justifying grace seems to suggest that we can live as we like, do what we want, as long as we believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins. It sounds like having the best of both worlds – “enjoying” this world now (even sinful pleasures), and still get to go to heaven.
 - i. **So why do we need sanctifying grace?**
 - ii. **Why must we grow towards holiness?**

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