

Kingdom Prayer for Sanctification, 3

Justification is the exclusive work of God through which a hell bound sinner is instantaneously given faith and new life; and the righteousness of Christ is credited to him. He is no more righteous than the instant before, but in that moment the death of Jesus on the cross becomes more than salvation for Christians, but for *him*! He immediately goes from a child of wrath to a child of God. If you are born again, it was the single most important instant in your life!

The next instant is the start of sanctification, which is the process of beginning to be new from the inside out. God begins a work whereby the new Christian learns about God, to love and trust, to submit, praise, adore, and to develop a personal relationship with Him. Christians are to become holy, as God is holy, and are active participants in this process. Christians are set apart for holy use by God, and from true gratitude should devote themselves to his work and his glory.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Colossians 3:3 Your old sinful self has died, and your new life is kept with Christ in God.

Lord, the more I learn about you, the more I believe you. The more I pray to you, the more I know you are there. The more I obey you, the more I want to obey you. The more I consider your perfections and purposes, the more I believe your promises. The more valuable Jesus becomes, the less significant I become.

I pray you will continue to reveal yourself to me, and make me fit for ever-larger service in your kingdom. Make me a willing participant in the work you have begun in me and give me the grace to obey you more fully each day. Continue to magnify Jesus in my mind and life, and let my vain pleasures evaporate as the dew in the morning sun. I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ my Savior. Amen.