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## Valuing Our Inheritance

1. Saved / **Salvation** from the biblical perspective is either speaking of phase 1, 3 or 3

Most often not referring to justification phase 1  
Brought in modern American evangelical ideas. We talk to people and say, "How you saved?"

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The New Testament teaches what should characterize a person who is a genuine disciple

### The issue

The issue in phase 1 is trusting Christ as Savior

Phase 1:

**We're saved from the penalty of sin**, eternal death, the instant that we trust in Christ.

In many churches and many theological systems there's confusion that the term "salvation" is equivalent to the term "justification".

Jesus makes it clear a believer is someone who trusts in Christ as Savior.

At the instant of faith alone in Christ alone, they become a born-again regenerate, justified believers, and they have eternal life.

This is the first stage of salvation, which we describe as **Phase One**. It takes place at the Cross. Technically we call it justification, because at that instant **we are declared righteous**, because the righteousness of Christ has been imputed to us.

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The issue in phase 2 is growing and maturing, having to do with service that works

Phase 2: the spiritual life is distinct from justification:

**We're saved from the power of sin** as we grow to maturity as believers.

Human religious thought system

Others, just like in Roman Catholic theology and in Calvinistic theology, there is a necessary connection between **justification** and **sanctification**, the spiritual life.

In Roman Catholic theology, both are a process so that you never really know if you're justified unless you have enough of the merit of Christ. You get that incrementally as you participate in the sacraments. But you never really know if you've got enough "meritoric points" to get to Heaven.

In Calvinism it's a little different. They so integrally connect the two that justification takes place in an instant in time, but it is necessarily integrally connected to the spiritual life so that a person who believes will necessarily grow.

That is called the **"perseverance of the saints"**, sometimes it's refer to as Lordship salvation.

The way that you know if you're truly saved is if you have the right kind of works after your salvation experience.

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you know you're saved, not by the promise of God, that if you believe in Jesus as your Savior, you will have eternal life, but that you are saved because you have the right kind of works. They sanctification and justify sanctification via justification.

### The issue in phase 1 is: trusting Christ as Savior

The issue in phase 2 is: growing and maturing, having to do with service and works

John 1:12-13 (NIV)

12 But as many as received Him, to whom He gave the right to become children of God, to those who **believe** in His name.

13 Into the world, not of this world, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 3:16-18 (NIV)

16 For God so loved the world, that He gave the right to eternal life to those who **believe** in Him.

17 For God sent His only Son into the world, so that everyone who **believes** in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

It's not believing plus anything.

In the Gospel of John, when Jesus uses the verb "to believe," he doesn't qualify it with "genuinely believe," "heart belief." You either believe or you don't believe. It is a **tautology** when you say "genuinely believe" or "heart belief." It's only believe.

**Tautology** (ˈtɒləˌdʒi) means (plural tautologies) the saying of the same thing twice in different words, generally considered to be a fault of style (e.g., they arrived here after the storm in succession).

John 8:12 (NIV)

12 Then Jesus said to them, "I am the light of the world. If you **follow** me, you will never be in darkness. For those who follow me shall have the light of life."

There are two categories here.

Phase 1:

He is addressing those who already believe in Him. They are justified. They are saved. They will have eternity in Heaven.

Phase 2:

He is talking to them about something **in addition** to securing their destiny in Heaven, and that is being a disciple.

So He says, **"If you abide in My word"**. That is a condition for being a disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ.

A disciple is someone who is committed to following the teaching of his master to some degree. There are disciples who will **produce**.

Matthew 13:23 (NIV)

23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, **who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."**

**Superlatives**: If you abide in your heart against all my word, He doesn't say if you abide in your emotional feelings about my word.

**Insider's**: He says that abide it involves in some way which means that there is a deeper understanding of the word, in order to obey the command.

not the same as "Follow in Me"

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John 13:14 (NIV)

14 Then Peter said to him, "Lord, where is the one who betrays You?"

21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain (I'll leave it that to you)" Now **Follow Me**:

**Believing in Him** is what secures eternal life.

**Following Him** is what is necessary if we're going to reap the benefits of our new life in time and in eternity.

### Discipleship is demanding:

Matthew 10:24-27 (NIV)

24 Then Jesus said to His **disciples**, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each **according to his works**.

### Differences Between Salvation and Rewards

Salvation:

For all mankind  
Given to few  
Christ does the work  
Free gift  
Permanent  
Faith alone in Christ alone  
Provides equal opportunity

Rewards:

For all believers  
Given to few  
The believer does the work  
Earned  
May be lost  
Walking by faith  
How each one uses opportunity

But no guarantee of equal results

Results are determined by how you utilize your opportunities

### Works, as defined in Scripture, **point to the source of a person's life**.

They're the product of one's life, the things that we **think, say, and do**.

**Works** can be good, or they can be useless or worthless. Some works are even sinful.

1 Peter 1:13-16 (NIV)

13 And if you call on the Father, **who without partiality judges according to each one's work**, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear,

14 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from **your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers**,

15 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

16 He redeemed us from all iniquity, to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good deeds.

17 He called us by His word in the gospel, to obtain the inheritance of the saints in heaven.

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