

Core 6:

We are sanctified when we are living according to God's design and purpose for our life.

Justification is the removal of the guilt and penalty of sin. **Sanctification** is the removal of the dysfunction or consequences that sin caused in your life.

I am saved. Why do I need to be Sanctified?

“Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1 NIV)

“an identity grounded in God would mean that when we think of who we are, the first thing that would come to mind is our status as someone who is deeply loved by God.”

David Brenner, *The Gift of Being Yourself*

Q: How do we begin to feel loved by God?

A: By renewing our minds.

“Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” (Romans 12:2 NLT)

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. What does it mean that you are innocent or justified by God?” (John 14:16-17)

False Labels

Broken	Guilty
Dirty	Shame
Rejected	Unloveable
Addict	Embarrassed

How does God see me?

According to Ephesians 1, we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing from God; we have been chosen, adopted, redeemed, given grace, and unconditionally loved and accepted. We are blameless and forgiven. We now have the hope of spending eternity with God. When we are adopted by God, these aspects of our identity are now part of our promises from God.

How do you get rid of false labels?

1. Let the Holy Spirit reveal to you what is true and what is false.

“God, your God, will restore everything you lost; he’ll have compassion on you; he’ll come back and pick up the pieces from all the places where you were scattered.” (Deuteronomy 30:3 MSG)

2. Repentance leads to forgiveness from God and healing.

3. Repentance is changing your mind.

“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” (1 John 5:4 ESV)

4. You may need to forgive someone who hurt you.

5. You may need to ask someone to forgive you.

“Do to others, as you would have them do to you.” (Luke 6:31)

6. You may need to forgive yourself.

Santification takes a lifetime:

“So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh.” (2 Corinthians 12:)

“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NLT