

Christian Doctrine

Salvation (Part 3)

The Results of Salvation

Three Main Results of Salvation

When a person places their faith in the finished work of Christ, they experience the benefits of what Christ did on their behalf. This includes:

➤ ***Justification***

Justification is the act of God declaring a person righteous. A person, though once declared guilty of sin, is now able to be declared righteous by Christ's work on their behalf ([Rom. 3:21-22](#)). Notice how this takes place:

- The guilt and penalty of our sin is placed on Christ, freeing us from that guilt and penalty ([Rom. 3:23-26](#)).
- Christ's righteousness is imputed to us, giving us a righteous standing before God. Thus, God declares us righteous ([Rom. 4:3-8, 23-25; 5:1-2](#)).

Imputed righteous refers to God placing the righteousness of Christ on our account, making us righteous "in Him" and therefore meeting the standards of His holiness ([Rom. 5:19-21; 8:1-4, 33](#)).

➤ ***United with Christ***

The basis of our justification is the fact that those who put their trust in Christ also become united with Him. This union between believers and Christ means several things:

- Our identity is found in Christ, not in who we were before salvation ([Rom. 6:1-6, 11; II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20](#)).
- We are "in Him" and Christ is "in us" forever united ([John 14:20; Eph. 1:3-14; Col. 1:27; John 10:28](#)).

➤ ***Adoption by God***

Every believer enters into a father/child relationship with God. This is accomplished by the Holy Spirit who comes to live within each believer, adopting them as His own.

- We become members of God's family ([John 1:12; Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:5-7; I John 3:1-2](#)).
- We enjoy all the privileges, benefits and responsibilities that come with being God's child ([Rom. 8:17; Eph. 1:3-18](#)).