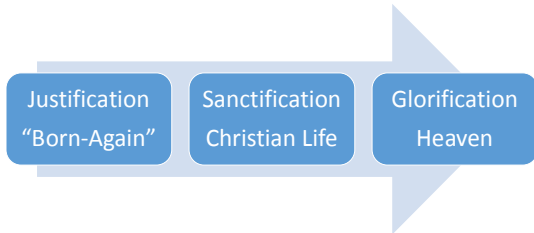


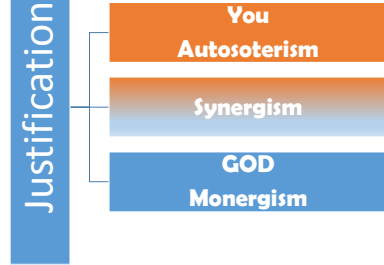
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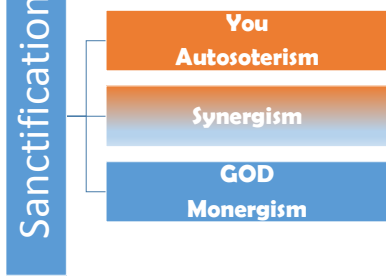
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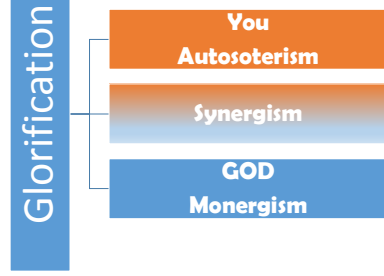
JUSTIFICATION



SANCTIFICATION



GLORIFICATION



WORK / REWARD

- One's work and one's reward are tied together.
- The source is either one's self, one's self working with God, or God.

WORK / REWARD

- How does each of these perspectives shape our Christian life?

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WORKS

1. Fruit is the natural consequence of New Birth (Matt. 7:18).
2. The two cannot be separated (Eph. 2:8-10).
3. A non-fruit bearing Christian is unsustainable (Matt. 7:19).
4. Fruit-bearing, good works, and obedience are synonymous.
5. God works in our volition so we choose obedience as a **pattern** (1 John 3:4-10 [cf. Rom. 1:32; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5]).
6. Christians will be rewarded according to their works (Rev. 14:13; 20:12, 13; 22:12).
7. The amount of fruit one bears is determined by God (Matt. 25:14, 15).

GOD'S REWARD

1. A sower went forth to sow [Matt. 13:1ff {v. 8}].
2. Laborers for His vineyard [Matt. 20:1-16 {vv. 13-15}].
3. The various talents [Matt. 25:14, 15].
4. The thief on the cross [Luke 23:43].

CASTING CROWNS

Rev. 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and **they had on their heads crowns of gold**. 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and **cast their crowns before the throne, saying,**

CROWNS

1. Crown of Life (James 1:12; Rev. 2:10)
2. Incorruptible Crown (1 Cor. 9:25)
3. Crown of Righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8)
4. Crown of Glory (1 Pet. 5:4)
5. Crown of Exultation / Rejoicing (1 Thess. 2:19; Phil. 4:1).

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REIGNING

- Re 1:6 and **He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father**--to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- Rev. 5:10 "You have made them **to be a kingdom and priests to our God**; and they will reign upon the earth."

REIGNING

- Rev. 20:4 **And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them:** and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and **they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

REIGNING

- Rev. 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but **they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

REIGNING

1. If there is a distinction between the Millennial Reign of Jesus and the Eternal State, what happens in the Eternal State?
2. Over whom do those who sit on the thrones reign?

WORKS / REWARD

1. You do not have to "work" at being a Christian. You are Christian.
2. Fruit is the result of the JESUS SEED.
3. Live your life believing God is working in you and through you to those around you.
4. You do not have to make the Christian life Jesus Centered, Spirit empowered. It is already this. Just live it.

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