

Sanctification

Discussion Question

Once I trust Christ by faith for salvation, does it matter how I live? If so, why? How?

Place my trust in Christ →→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→Eternal Life/Entrance to the Kingdom

Living well



Place my trust in Christ

OR

?????????

Eternal Life/Entrance to the Kingdom



Living not-well

This could mean...

Living well →→→→→ Keep my salvation = Entrance to Kingdom



Place my trust in Christ OR



Living not-well →→→→→ Lose my salvation = Loss of Entrance

Or it could mean

Living well →→→ Proves I was actually 'saved'/elect = Entrance



Perseverance

Place my trust in Christ OR



Living not-well →→→ Proves I was never actually saved/elect

Lack of perseverance = Loss of Entrance

Or it could mean...

Living well →→→ Experience Eternal Life/Life in the Spirit



Intimate fellowship with Christ



= Experience eternal life now/reward at Bema Seat

Place my trust in Christ →→→→→→→→Eternal Life/Entrance to the Kingdom = Guaranteed



Living not-well→→→Harms my fellowship with Christ,

Experience death in temporal sense

= Lack of reward at Bema Seat

A Truths

Things that Happened at moment of Faith

Trust in Christ for Salvation

Position

Great White Throne

Sanctification - set apart

Justification

B Truths

Things that are possible for us to do/not do

Discipleship

Condition

Judgement Seat of Christ

Sanctification - progressive transformation

Sanctification

Sanctification - Set Apart Positionally

1 Corinthians 6:11 - And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Hebrew 10:10 - And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Or...Sanctification - Progressive Transformation into the image of Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:23 - Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:7a To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Sanctification - We are BOTH Positionally Set Apart AND Called to Transformation Saints called to be Saints

1 Cor. 1:2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.

How Does This Play Out?

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Person 1

Has Never Trusted
Christ and is Walking Away
from the Lord

Person 2

Has Professed Trust in Christ
BUT
A. Not living in a God-honoring
manner wilfully
OR
B. Not experiencing what they
believe they ought to in
the Christian life (no peace, no
Fruit of the Spirit) or perhaps has
done something really bad - both
are worried about whether they are really saved
OR
C. Not pursuing sanctification/
Progressive Transformation - apathetic or stalled out

Person 3

Professed Trust in Christ
AND is 'running well'

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the **agon** that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the **paideia** of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

For the Lord **paideias** the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

It is for **paideia** that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not **paideia**? If you are left without **paideia**, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who **paideia’d** us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they **paideia’d** us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he **paideias** us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all **paideia** seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

