

05 – Going deeper – Acquittal

How are you going with godliness?

Salvation and Christian living

Justification = the is the one off event in which we have been made ‘just as if we had never sinned’, by the work of Jesus on the cross.

Sanctification = the ongoing, live long and gradual process of us growing in the grace of Jesus

Floor plan (show picture)

... how can we pursue real change in the way we live as followers of Jesus?

The process of sanctification is both fuelled & nurtured as you dwell in the truth of the gospel that saved you in the first place

How do we grow spiritually?

... we expose two of our problems with sanctification.

Firstly ... our outside appears that we have been ‘very spiritual’

- Mat 23:5

Secondly ... we know what we are like on the inside and so we are very discouraged.

... salvation by works.

Galatians 2:21 ... Jesus died for nothing.

Growing spiritually

... we often pursue law keeping

The truth that fuels and nurtures our pursuit of obedience to God’s law **MUST** be the same truth that transforms our inner relationship with God

What God’s word says

Galatians 2:11-21

...he has been justified already.

Gal 2:15-16. “We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.”

Gal 2:12 ... he was afraid of what others thought of him.

Romans 1:15

Col 1:23

Why the gospel is the answer to our problem of Sanctification.

‘we medicate that deep nagging sense of insufficiency in a variety of ways’.

... and try to pass that off as godly behaviour.

What this means for us personally