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“Gospel” has a broad use and a narrow use.

- Broad use: salvation and the spiritual life
- Narrow use: what we should do to be saved

**Mark 1:1, “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ,
the Son of God.”**

Gal. 1:6, “I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;

Gal. 1:7, “which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the **gospel of Christ.**

Gal. 1:8, “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a **gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!”**

Gal. 2:14, “But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the **truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, ‘If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?’**”

Gal. 2:15, ““We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles;’”

Gal. 2:16, ““nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.’””

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Perf, Act, Ind; 2P,

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Position in Christ

1 Corinthians 15:2, “by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.”

- **1 Cor. 15:2 Corrected**

“By which also you are being saved [growing spiritually], if [1st] you hold fast the good news which I proclaimed [evangelized], unless you believed to no purpose,”

THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

**PHASE
ONE**

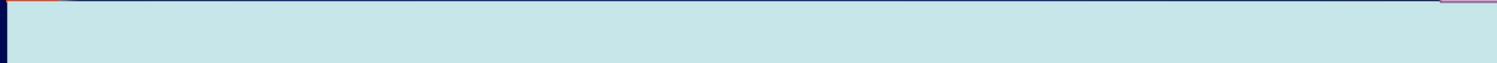
Justification

**PHASE
TWO**

**Spiritual
Life**

**PHASE
THREE**

Glorification



**Positional
Sanctification**

**Progressive
Sanctification**

**Ultimate
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Penalty of Sin**

**Freed from
Power of Sin**

**Freed from
Presence of Sin**

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What Place Has the Resurrection in Our Justification?

Distinguish between:

- information given in gospel presentations, and
- the focal point of Christ's saving work

Romans 4:25, “who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.”

1 Cor. 2:1, “And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God.

1 Cor. 2:2, “For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”

Preaching the gospel is telling something about Christ and His finished work for them which they are to believe. This is the simplest test to be applied to all soul-saving appeals. The Gospel has not been preached until a personal message concerning a crucified and living Savior has been presented and in a form which calls for the response of a personal faith.

(L. S. Chafer, *Salvation*, 101)

What We Believe to be Saved:

x = understanding of some problem

y = solution to the problem

We believe that Christ solved problem x at the cross, so that we now have solution y .

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Position
in Christ

Regeneration

Imputation
Justification

Propitiation
(Expiation)

Redemption

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