

This Is Your Life: Past, Present, Future

(Philippians 3:1-21)

- Introduction:
1. Ills. Ralph Edwards – “This is Your Life.”
 2. A couple weeks ago, we discussed three big words that have to do with our salvation.
 - a. Justification – being saved from past sins.
 - b. Sanctification – being saved from the power of sin.
 - c. Glorification – being saved from the presence of sin.
 3. Tonight, in our Bible study, I want to walk through a chapter with you that illustrates these three words.

I. Justification: The Christian’s Past Life

- A. (Philippians 3:1-11).
- B. Paul warns of Judaizing teachers (3:1-3).
- C. Paul recounts the accomplishments of his past life (3:4-7).
- D. Paul affirms his justification in Jesus, not the Old Law (3:8-11).
- E. In Jesus, he is saved from his past life – Justification.

II. Sanctification: The Christian’s Present Life

- A. (Philippians 3:12-16).
- B. Paul speaks of his ongoing maturity (3:12-14).
- C. Like all men, Paul, nor any of us are perfect, but we are to strive toward the “upward call of God in Christ.”
- D. In Jesus, we are saved from the power of sin – Sanctification.

III. Glorification: The Christian’s Future Life

- A. (Philippians 3:17-21).
- B. Though justified, one may refuse to be sanctified, and the consequences are destruction (3:17-19).
- C. But those who are justified and sanctified, will someday be glorified (3:20-21).
- D. In Jesus, we will eventually be saved from the very presence of sin – this is Glorification.

- Conclusion:
1. What beautiful promises and motivation we have in Jesus.
 2. We have forgiveness of our past sins, motive to mature and become a better person, and to be given a heavenly home wherein sin will no longer afflict us.
 3. Invitation.