

# SEVEN STEPS TO GLORIFICATION

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SANCTIFICATION

ADOPTION

REGENERATION

RECONCILIATION

JUSTIFICATION

REDEMPTION

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**The seven words, or steps to glorification are God's provisions to help us on our pathway to Glory.**

**Step One – Redemption** - As sinners we must be redeemed since we were sold out to Satan in the garden and all of humanity became the property of Satan. Unbelievers are slaves to Satan and are in his kingdom, in bondage to him and will continue to be so until the unbeliever accepts God's way out of that bondage. He provided redemption as a free gift. It means to be "ransomed."

**Step Two – Justification** - Justification is often defined as "Just if we had not sinned." This is true, but justification encompasses more than that. Justification is a judicial act on the part of God where He acquits the believer of the divine verdict of condemnation and declares him to be righteous. The unbeliever continues to stand condemned before God.

**Step Three – Reconciliation** - Reconciliation is on the part of God and is an act of God whereby He does away with the enmity and hostility between the believer and Himself and thereby establishes peace. Simply, we now have the peace of God in our lives, peace with God and peace with our fellow believers. There is a need for reconciliation with God. This need is manifested by the hostility between God and the unregenerate person because of their sins.

**Step Four – Regeneration** - Regeneration means "born ones."

**Step Five – Adoption** - Adoption means "placing as a son." Immediately following regeneration, the new birth, believers are given the position of an adult son. Therefore, all believers are sons of God. This provision of "adoption" is especially important so that we know we are more than a creation of God, we have been born of his substance. This provision declares that. It solidifies our eternal relationship with God.

**Step Six – Sanctification** - Sanctification means "to set apart" so that we can be "brought near to God." We as believers are "set apart" through the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ from the "world, the flesh and the devil" and brought near unto God. So, Sanctification is an act of God that brings us "near to him" so that we can have communion with Him.

**Step Seven – Glorification** - The purpose of God in all that He has done and is yet to do is to "bring many sons into glory." He has "many sons" by His grace but these sons will have a clothing of varying degrees of Glory when they receive their new bodies. God is going to share his Glory with his people. There are different companies with different degrees of glory in the resurrection, and it is implied that the different companies will be resurrected at different times.