

## I Believe, Week 2

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### // Bible References

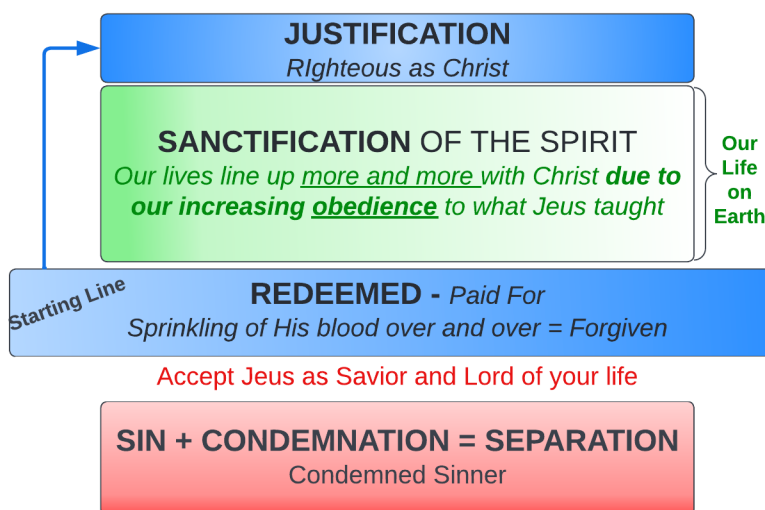
Matthew 16:16; 1 Peter 1:1,2

### // Community Questions

1. Tell your group about a time when you went to an event/party where you did not fit in... at all. What did it feel like? Why didn't you fit in? How did you try to fit in?

### // Discussion Questions

1. What are some beliefs you have that make you feel like you don't fit in to our culture. Did your beliefs change or did the culture change over time?
2. If you want to get to know someone in your group, you can go out for coffee and talk, engage in an activity, meet their family, etc.  
If we are to be dedicated followers of Jesus, how do we get to know Him?  
What are the next steps for you to start that process?



3. What is required to move from the lowest level (Condemned Sinner/Separated from God) to the Forgiveness/Redeemed level?

4. We are in the “righteous as Christ” (justified) category when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Do our lives reflect that immediately? If not, what is the pathway that has been set for us to become more like Jesus?
5. What is the role of the Bible and the Holy Spirit as we exist in the “sanctification/obedience” area? What is God’s desire for us as we are in that realm?

### **// Challenge**

Do some reflection and answer these questions:

Am I below, or at the starting line of forgiveness?

If I am below the starting line and in the Sin/Separated from God space, what is preventing me from accepting Jesus’ forgiveness?

If I am at the Forgiveness line and God sees me as righteous as Jesus, does my life reflect that I have accepted him as Savior and Lord (obedience)?

What is one next step you can take this week to obey God and start living a more obedient, Christ-like life?