

5 HOW TO ENRICH OUR PERSONALITY

We all want to have an attractive personality. Many wonder: Why am I this way? are? How can I change? Has it always been like this? Can I be different?

MAN'S CONDITION BEFORE AND AFTER SIN

1. What was man like when he came from the hands of the Creator?

Psalm 8:5, 6. _____

2. Sin destroyed man's happiness. What did the earth produce?

Genesis 3:17, 18. _____

Man's heart sowed the poisonous seeds of evil: pride, envy, jealousy, rebellion, disobedience.

3. What became of the human character? Isaiah 59:9-12. _____

Man's personality was distorted. His character was corrupted and he was separated from God and condemned to death. Isaiah 59:2.

4. What is human righteousness equated to? Isaiah 64:6 _____

Righteousness means to match the measure given by God. Man was in perfect harmony with God's law. But sin made it of impossible for him to reach the standard required by the law. An unclean thought is enough to separate us from perfect righteousness.

5. What 4 miracles does God want to work in our lives? 1 Corinthians 1:30.

- a) WISDOM. We are called to be righteous. b) _____. He declares us righteous.
c) _____. He makes us righteous. d) REDEMPTION. He makes us immortal.

6. What does the first miracle consist of? GOD'S CALL TO RIGHTEOUSNESS.

1. He draws us to Himself. (John 12:32). 2. He calls us. (Matthew 11:28).
3. He looks for us as for a lost sheep. (Matt. 18:12, 13) 4. He makes us yearn for God. (Psalm 63:1).
5. He gives us faith. (John 6:29). 6. He shows us our sins. (John 16:8).

7. What does the second miracle consist of? JUSTIFICATION (BEING DECLARED RIGHTEOUS, ALTHOUGH GUILTY)

- a) Christ imputes His merits in our favor. His incarnation, sinless life, sacrifice and resurrection make our justification possible. Through His sinless, perfect life He met the requirements of the law. Romans 8:34. (Hebrews 2:14-15). With His life, Christ paid the debt that we ourselves would have had to pay for our transgressions. (Isaiah 53:5-6; Romans 5:10).
b) It is our acceptance, by faith, of this act of God in our behalf that makes Him declare us righteous. This is JUSTIFICATION.

What is the result? Romans 5:1. _____

8. What are the benefits of imputed righteousness? (Granted, given as a gift, granted freely).

- a) We are given _____. Isaiah 1:18; 43:25.
b) John 1:12. We are declared _____. Romans 8:16.
c) Luke 10:20. Our name is written in _____.
d) Jesus illustrates this with the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. Luke 18:9-14.



9. Third miracle: RESTORATION OF THE LOST CONDITION. Can man change his character with his own efforts? Jeremiah 13:23: Romans 7:24. _____

At the same time that Christ declares us righteous, He works another miracle in us by sanctifying us through His IMPARTED RIGHTEOUSNESS. Ephesians 4:24.

10. What does God want to do with our mind and heart through His grace? Ezekiel 36:25-27.

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- a) *This change of heart enables us to obey God's law. Hebrews 10:16.*
b) *When Christ abides in our heart, He purifies it with His Holy Spirit and gives us a new nature. Galatians 2:20. (Colossians 3:5-10).*

11. What aspects of the human being are sanctified? 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

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- a) **SPIRIT** - thoughts. b) **SOUL** – feelings. c) **BODY** - habits of life.
Good deeds are the result of justification, not the means for obtaining it. (Ephesians 2:10).

12. When will the fourth miracle of REDEMPTION or GLORIFICATION take place? 1 John 3:2.

We will be like Him and be transformed into immortality when we are raised from death. We will have a perfect character (Revelation 21:5). There will be eternal righteousness in the restored paradise.

13. What can I do so Jesus will work these miracles in my life?

- a) *Answer His call. (Isaiah 45:22).*
b) *Believe in Him and accept Him as my Saviour and Lord. (Acts 16:31).*
c) *Repent of my sins. (Acts 3:19).*
c) *Accept His Holy Law. (Hebrews 5:8, 9).*
f) *Renew my decision daily.*
g) *Persevere until the end. (Matthew 24:13).*

14. God's plan for man is illustrated in the parable of the prodigal son. (Luke. 15:11-24).

The story of the prodigal son reveals the plan of salvation for man. The son that stays home represents Adam in Eden. When he abandons the home, he falls. The prodigal son spent all he had, which is symbolic of moral degradation. The slavery is the slavery of the devil. He comes to himself: this is the silent work of the Holy Spirit. He recognizes his fault when he says "I will arise and go to my father." His father's hug is justification. The father's robe is imputed righteousness. The change of garment is imparted righteousness. Finally, the feast represents glorification.

15. What three joys does a Christian obtain in Jesus?

Our heart is full of joy when we receive these good news.

- a) First we obtain **the joy of salvation**. (Psalm 51:12).
b) Then **the joy of obedience**. (Psalm 119:174).
c) **Eternal joy**. (Isaiah 25:10).

My decision: I believe I am justified solely by faith and that works are just its fruits and the proof of my love. Yes No
