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The Christian life is a **process** as well as an **event**. It is the *ongoing* work of sanctification as well as the *initial* work of justification. It happens to us at a very precise moment in time, and yet it is a continuous day-by-day work of God within us.

As a six year old boy, I trusted Jesus Christ as my Savior and was saved. Today, as a 43 year old man, I am still saved, and yet I am in the process of being saved. I am right now as saved and secured for Heaven as if I had already been there ten thousand years. Yet, I am now being saved from the daily enticements and allurements of this ole world, my flesh, and the Devil.

One preacher described it this way: We have been saved from the penalty of sin. We are being saved from the power of sin. We shall be saved from the presence of sin. Thank God!

**Christians are forever in the process of becoming.** We are becoming what we already are . . . righteous! God is in the business of changing us from the inside out. He is conforming us into the image of His Son Jesus Christ. He saved us to make us just like Him. Change is therefore a good thing. Change is absolutely essential for growth. Change brings progress. Comfort and complacency are the deadly enemies of the Christian experience. When we're satisfied with what we are, we have little motivation to move on to become what we ought to be.

We're not to be the same people that we were 10 years ago, or even 10 days ago. We are to always be "becoming." We're not what we ought to be, but neither are we what we used to be! We're not **there** yet, but we're getting better.

Remember the bumper sticker that read, "**Don't give up on me. God's not finished with me yet.**" With the Apostle Paul we can say, "*Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect.*" We haven't made it yet! But we're reaching forth and pressing toward "*those things which are before . . . the prize of the high calling*" (Phil 3:13-14).

"The hardest thing about milking cows," observed one farmer, is that they never stay milked." We are a whole lot like that too! God has to keep on working on us. Aren't you grateful that He hasn't given up on finishing the work that He began in us!

May I remind you that following justification, and sanctification, comes glorification. One day, God will finish!

*"He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ"* (Phil 1:6)