

## The Difference Between *Justification* and *Being Made Holy*

John 11:38-44 *Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "**Take off the grave clothes and let him go.**" NIV*

**NOTE:** Jesus did the miraculous part; He raised Lazarus from the dead. He then commanded the family and friends to "unwrap" him. Is it possible that some people are wrapped with more stinking grave clothes than others?

1) Titus 3:5-7 *he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. NIV*

2) Heb 10:14 *because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. NIV*

### Why some of us believers never look very holy

The Road of Wrong Behavior

The Road of Right Behavior

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The Right Direction >

**Our gracious Father saves us on the basis of the direction we are headed not on the road we are traveling! Some people were just a long way down the wrong road when God turned them around.**

1 Thess 5:14 *And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. NIV*

