

SEVEN REALITIES from Henry Blackaby's Experiencing God

- 1 God is always at work around you.
 - 2 God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
 - 3 God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
 - 4 God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes and His ways.
 - 5 God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
 - 6 You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
 - 7 You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.
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TWO NATURES

Two natures beat within my breast-
One is foul, the other blest;
One I love and one I hate-
But the one I feed will dominate.

Small step by small step we're all being transformed one way or another. Every bit of food put in the mouth, every dab of paint put on the canvas, every building in a city raised and then replaced by another changes the whole incrementally. Glorious or horrible destinations are reached one step at a time. I will count no spoken word inconsequential. I will search my heart for stowaways of sin. I will examine myself to see if I am on the paths of life. I will ask the great Shepherd of the sheep to keep me from falling. This moment's faith will position me for tomorrow's. Andree Seu

Justification is an act of God's free grace in which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight for the sake of the righteousness of Christ alone, which is credited to us and received by faith alone.

Adoption is an act of God's free grace by which we are received into the number and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which we are renewed throughout in the image of God and are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness. An ongoing cooperative process in which regenerate persons, alive to God and freed from sin's dominion are required to exert themselves in sustained obedience. It is GOD-DEPENDENT EFFORT, not self-reliant activity or God-reliant passivity. Knowing that without Christ's enabling we can do nothing, morally speaking, as we should, and that he is ready to strengthen us for all that we have to do, we "stay put" (remain, abide) in Christ, asking for his help constantly – and we receive it.