

The Confessing Church

Through seven divine works of God, guilty sinners are made ready for dwelling in the Presence of God forever; and their bodies, formerly slaves to sin, instantly become the very dwelling place and temple of God. How does God do all that? He does it through the seven elements that make up the Gift of Salvation. Confess with me what God does in each of us who have believed:

1. I am **FORGIVEN**: God has removed my Debts.

Christ died the substitutionary death to take the hopeless debt I owed to God and paid, with His own life, the eternal death sin has made me responsible to pay—that's forgiveness! *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. (Ephesians 1:7 NKJV)*

2. I am **JUSTIFIED**: God has changed my State.

Christ died to take me as a guilty convict and destroy every record of my sin, by taking my place in the punishment—that's justification! *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have[a] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. . . (Romans 5:1 NKJV)*

3. I am **REGENERATED**: God has transformed my Heart.

Christ died to take me dead in my sin and make me vibrant, full of endless life and brand new—that's regeneration! *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. (Ezekiel 36:26-27 NKJV)*

4. I am **RECONCILED**: God has become my Friend.

Christ died to take me as an enemy and make me His friend—that's reconciliation! *For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. (Romans 5:10-11 NKJV)*

5. I am **ADOPTED**: God has changed my Family.

Christ died to take me from being a stranger to being called His son—that's adoption! *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." (Romans 8:14-15 NKJV)*

6. I am **REDEEMED**: God has changed my Ownership.

Christ died to free me from slavery to sin; and make me freed forever by His ransom—that's redemption! *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV)*

7. I am **SANCTIFIED**: God has changed my Behavior.

Christ died to take my soiled and spotted life and make me clean, focused and fruitful—that's sanctification! *For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:14 NKJV)*

