Dying to self, Living for Christ

Law cannot save from sin
The purpose of the law is to identify sin. **Romans 3:19-20.** There is no righteousness through obeying the law. Why? Because all have sinned. If all have sinned, then no one is able to live perfectly through the Law except for Jesus Christ. He obeyed all 613 laws and all 10 commandments - to perfectly fulfil the requirements of the law and bring us reconciliation with God the Father.

God's righteousness through faith
Romans 3:21-26
The law shows us what sin is. But the righteousness of God apart from the law through faith in Christ Jesus. Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. **Romans 4:3.** So then when you believed in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you were made right with God and He resurrected your spirit person from death to life.
Romans 10:9-13

You are justified!
Romans 5:1-2
Through believing in Jesus Christ, you are justified.   What does justified mean?
According to Bible Study Tools website, **justified** is defined, according to Scripture as:
Being declared to be righteous or in right standing. It is a legal term signifying, in fact, acquittal of the offenses held against you (wages of sin, for example).

Faith in Jesus triumphs over troubles
Romans 5:3-5
Because we are justified through faith in Christ Jesus, you have in fact accepted His life into your spirit.   Remember, the god of this world hates the works of Jesus and the Father.   So you can expect to run into trials and tribulations.   Through faith in Jesus, we have hope to overcome these trials.   These trials produce a special fruit in our lives - Perseverance, and perseverance builds character, and character builds hope. Our hope in Jesus does **not** disappoint.   Why?   **Romans 5:5**

Christ has taken our place
Romans 5:6-11
Jesus paid the tremendous price to make peace between God and us.   We are in fact reconciled back to God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.   We have received the covenant of reconciliation through His blood.

Adam's sin = Death, Jesus' sacrifice = Life eternal
Romans 5:12-17
When Adam sinned, he brought death into the world. Through Moses, God gave us the law, which identifies and defines what sin is.   All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. **Romans 3:9-20**
If through Adam's sin, death spread to all men.   Through Jesus' righteous sacrifice, all men can be saved, justified and reconciled to the Father.

Dead to Sin, Alive to God
Romans 6:1-11
Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we then are no longer obligated to live in sin.   Why?   Because our sinful nature (in the spirit) has been put to death with Jesus on the cross, and now our spirit is resurrected and made alive in Him.   In the spirit, we were buried with Jesus, and resurrected when He rose from the grave by the glory of our Heavenly Father.

So our old man, that is - our sinful nature - has been put to spiritual death and our spirit man is brought to life. We have been set free.

Do not let sin reign in your life
Romans 6:12-14
Our sinful nature, even though spiritually dead, will partner with the adversary (Satan and his demonic realm) to prompt us to sin, to accuse us and to encourage us to fall back into fear and old patterns of sin.
Now that we are set free, we have the choice to walk in freedom - spiritual freedom which extends to the physical realm. In fact, we need to take this even further and choose to not present our bodies as instruments of unrighteousness, but present ourselves to God, living as members of righteousness to God.

No longer slaves to sin
Romans 6:15
You are no longer a slave to sin! Jesus paid the price to set you free. Whomsoever the Son sets free is free indeed. **John 8:36**
The key to this freedom is righteousness in Christ. That means believing in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. **Romans 6:11**
"Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

You are a slave to whatever you spirit you listen to
Romans 6:16
This is a spiritual principal that applies to whichever spirit you listen to - if obeying a spirit of sin, you become a slave to sin; if obeying the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, then you become a slave to righteousness.

Slaves to righteousness
Romans 6:17-19
Since we have been set free from slavery to sin, we are then therefore slaves to righteousness. We have been delivered from sin and death through the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus!

No longer under condemnation
Romans 8:1-2
Because of Jesus' sacrifice, we are no longer under the condemnation of the law, but have been set from through the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus!

Spiritual Fruit
Romans 6:20-22
It comes down to this ultimately: obeying our sinful nature results in death.   Obeying the Holy Spirit and believing in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior results in life eternal. Praise God that He makes salvation so simple. It is our human nature and that complicates the gift of salvation through Christ Jesus.

Summary

- The Law cannot justify or save
- We are saved only through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
- It is through believing in Jesus that we are made righteous with God
- Because you are made righteous with God, you are justified
- Through our faith we are over-comers, and that brings the fruit of perseverance and that builds character which in turns gives us hope in God.
- Jesus Christ has taken our place - paid the price
- Adam's sin lead to infecting all men with sin which bears the fruit of death. Jesus' sacrifice has a similar property, but instead of death for all, brings life to all who believe!
- So then we are dead to sin and alive to Christ
- We then choose to live for Christ and choose to be dead to sin
- This means we are no longer slaves to sin!
- You are a slave to whatever you actively listen to - sinful nature of godly nature
- You are no longer condemned!
- We now bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit which is life eternal
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