The Bible's Big Words
(Compiled by Paul R. Blake from multiple sources)

Introduction:
A. “Never use a big word when a diminutive one will do.”
   1. “I love using big words to sound smart. I mean utilizing gargantuan idioms to fabricate intelligence.”
   2. “The finest words in the world are only vain sounds if you can't understand them.”
   3. “Never use a large word for a small matter.”
B. The Bible uses some very large words to describe even larger matters
   1. Not talking about Bible names - Nebuchadnezzar, Mahershalaalhashbaz
C. These big words are also closely associated with our relationship with God
   1. Our salvation is supplied by God - Rom. 6:1-6; Eph. 1:7
   2. The Bible uses big words to describe each step of this process
   3. Mortification, justification, sanctification, and glorification (KJV)

I. MORTIFICATION
   A. We are commanded to address our sins by putting them to death.
      1. Col. 3:5; Rom. 8:13, 6:3, 7-13
   B. Christians put sinful behavior to death
   C. Mortification is an ongoing process; it’s not like a vaccination - Rom. 7:22-25

II. JUSTIFICATION
   A. Justification is God's declaration that we are not guilty - Rom. 5:1, 3:28-30
   B. God accounts righteousness to us - Rom. 4:7-8
   C. Justification does not describe a change in our behavior as much as it describes the change in our standing before God - James 2:20-23

III. SANCTIFICATION
   A. Our union and association with Christ changes our character. Sanctification is the word that describes that change in character - 2Tim. 2:21
      1. It begins at the moment of our justification. It continues, in spite of our shortcomings, until the end of our lives - Heb. 10:10, 14
   B. Sanctification refers to being separated unto God.
      1. 1Thes. 4:3-5 - Our sanctification is the will of God.

IV. GLORIFICATION
   A. Every Christian is engaged in an ongoing battle with sin
      1. 1Cor. 9:24-27; 2Cor. 13:5-6
      2. Our victories should greatly outnumber our stumbles - 1John 2:1-2
   B. Mortification, justification, and sanctification will not be complete until the Judgment - Heb. 12:22-23
   C. Meanwhile, we groan, waiting for eternal redemption
      1. Rom. 8:22-25; 2Cor. 5:1-4
   D. Glorification will be the instantaneous completion of our victory over sin
      1. Rom. 8:17, 30; 1Cor. 15:51-55
   E. Remember that justification and glorification are God's works; mortification and sanctification are our responsibility