



WHAT HAPPENED WHEN I GOT SAVED?

Who am I? Degeneration (Nature & Composition) Gen 2:17; 1 Cor 3:18-20

Are anthropology invariably will affect are socially

It was a tree that damned us, so that another tree can save us

It was our WILL that deceived us, so it is only our WILL that can help us out

The great tragedy of sin is we are LESS SUBMISSIVE TO OUR PURPOSE for existence than the animals we control, Isa 1:3. (we are not evolving we are degrading – Rom 1)

A CORRUPTED IMAGE AND LIKENESS

1) Our spirit darkened, Eph 4:17-18; 1 Cor 2:14

a) Our conscience blunted, 1 Tim 4:2

b) Our communion thwarted, James 4:4

2) Our soul debased, Jer 17:9; Eph 4:19

a) Our will weakened, Rom 7

b) Our mind reprobate, Rom 1:28

c) Our emotions deceitful, Jer 17:9

3) Our body diseased & conquered by death, Rom 7:24

Humanity apart from grace has only mind of flesh (Rom 8:1-8) because our soul is stuck to our bible and if we die that way that we are condemned to the price of the payment of sin

THE PROCESS OF SALVATION: Rom 8:28-39

I. Am I really a Christian? REGENERATION (Rom 8:28-30)

1 Justification and Regeneration

2 Conversion and Sanctification

3 How does the **BELIEF** in salvation affect every day **BEHAVIOR** as a Christian?

- This speaks of **BOTH** your **ADOPTION** and your **IDENTITY** in Christ

THE ORDER OF SALVATION

GOLDEN CHAIN

LINKS

Purpose of Salvation	God's Election and Predestination to Conformity	Rom 8:28-29
Process of Salvation	Calling, Justification, Glorification	Rom 8:30
Foundation of Salvation	Free Grace	Rom 8:31-32
Fullness of Salvation	Adoption	Rom 8:33-34
Finality of Salvation	Glorification	Rom 8:35-39

LINKS IN THE CHAIN OF SALVATION

1 CALLING

In its simplest meaning, salvation means **DELIVERANCE**

A. You must be called by God to **FULFILL HIS PURPOSE**

- Eph 1:11-12, 3:10-11, 21

Jud 1:1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

The PURPOSE is to glorify himself, through his Son Jesus, by Christ's body, the Church

Calling: is that work whereby God INVITES ALL PEOPLE TO CHRIST and brings to salvation those who respond (**external call:** All; needs to meet **internal acceptance;** individual)

- 1 Cor 1:9, Mark 8:34, Rev 22:17, 2 Peter 1:10

B. You must love God enough to RESPOND AND ACCEPT the GOSPEL'S CALL

- John 6:65, 1 Cor 1:24, 2:9, Exo 20:6, Psa 69:36, Jam 2:5

2 **FOREKNOW:** Acts 26:5, 2 Pet 3:17

Foreknowledge: means knowing a thing beforehand

- We only have one effective tool against the war of our mind...the Bible
- It is not foreordained to be saved, that is incorrect definition (reformed, Calvinistic)
- God saw how you would use your freewill and then predestined you to be conformed to the image of His son (not saved or lost)

Note: God is sovereign by his act of foreseeing your will, and providing a predetermined outcome to those who TRUST JESUS (are IN Christ)

God loves because He chooses to love, not because he FORSEES ANY LOVELINESS (Deut 7:7-8)

- God knows before the choice you're going to freely make, but God does not know beforehand that you would be worth saving, because that choice does not exist, nothing in you was worth saving

3 **PREDESTINATION** Acts 4:28, 1 Cor 2:7

Predestination: means to **determine** something beforehand

- It is an unchanging purpose that He will bring to pass that determined beforehand by an unchanging purpose
- This word is NEVER used in terms or reference to Salvation
- Logically implied? Or Biblically implied? Scripturally unsupported ideas don't make them doctrines
- Why are we going to Augustinian to get our doctrines?

R.C. Sproul, Ligonier:

The doctrine of predestination to salvation is called the doctrine of election, and the doctrine of predestination to damnation is called the doctrine of reprobation. We have to say that God's action of deciding to save some is simultaneously a decision not to save others. The decision to save is called election, and the decision not to save is called preterition.

Richard Blaylock, TGC:

All within the Augustinian/Reformed tradition agree that God decrees that certain individuals will be justly punished for the purpose of magnifying God's justice and grace and that this punishment is (in some aspects) according to his good pleasure. Reprobation is also logically implied by the doctrines of unconditional election and the sovereignty of God.

THREE THINGS WE WERE PREDESTINED INTO BY GOD

A To be conformed to the IMAGE OF CHRIST (Rom 8:29-30)

B To be adopted into the FAMILY OF CHRIST (Eph 1:5)

C To partakers in the REWARD OF CHRIST (Eph 1:11)

His will determines ahead of time His image and our adoption, this has nothing to do with salvation. When you obey God's call you get an inheritance and God foresaw what you would get: The Image, the Status, the Reward of Christ in ETERNITY

Divine Sovereignty vs. Human Choice – Whosever will may come, if you do, this is what you get

Rev 22:17, John 6:44, 2 Tim 2:19

- God call us to salvation
- Then we make the choice to respond

We are called because of God's foreknowledge, predestined to be conformed to His image, adopted into His family and given a heavenly inheritance, which then makes our destination (Phil 3:21, 1 Cor 15:49, 2 Cor 3:18) predetermined

4 JUSTIFICATION

Justification: is God forgiving our sins, giving us Christ's righteousness, and therefore granting a LEGAL DECLARATION OF BEING NOT GUILTY in His sight (1 Cor 6:11)

- Salvation is not a result of you being MADE righteous
- It is a result of you being DECLARED righteous based on Jesus Christ

5 SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification: The process that takes place based on your OBEDIENCE to HIS CALL that results in transformation NOW that results in REWARDS later

6 GLORIFICATION

Glorification: is the final step in the APPLICATION OF OUR REDEMPTION, when Christ returns and gives all believers a resurrection body like His (John 17:22)

- The point is your SALVATION is FIXED and no one could ever take it from you

7 ELECTION (Math 20:16, Acts 9:15)

Election: means to be CHOSEN BY GOD From among humankind for himself, either corporately (like Israel) or individually (John 14:19)

- Important to note the two elections of God in Scripture (Israel, Jesus Christ)
- The Church is only the Elect IN CHRIST)
- Could sound CALVANISTIC until you get to 1 Peter 1:2

God chooses the Elect, NOT TO EXCLUDE THE NON-ELECTED, but so he can use the elect to reach others (1 Thes 1:3-4)

- You will know you are chosen by God to glorification when you have a work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus

II. ARE YOU REALLY A CHRISTIAN?

Sanctification (Rom 8:31-34)

SALVATION'S THREE TENSES

Past	From Sin's Penalty	Vicariously at the Cross
Present	From Sin's Power	Progressive in this life
Future	From Sin's Presence	Instantly at Rapture or Resurrection

QUESTION

Why do we accept Salvation?

ASPECTS

- 1 Grace
- 2 Election
- 3 Calling

CHRONOLOGY

BEFORE we believe
God's preparation

How do we receive Salvation?

- 4 Repentance
- 5 Faith
- 6 Conversion

WHEN we believe
Our Beginning

What do we get in Salvation?

- 7 Union
- 8 Justification
- 9 Regeneration
- 10 Adoption
- 11 Sanctification (an act)

What are we promised by Salvation? 12 Sanctification (the process) AFTER we believe
13 Preservation (security) Our Continuance
14 Glorification (eternity)

KEY THOUGHTS:

GRACE: Grace is the finished work of Christ operating on your behalf, and because you activated it by faith, so now God FAVORS YOU WITHOUT REFERENCE OF YOUR MERIT, and IMPUTES TO YOU THE ABILITY TO DO THE WORK OF HIS SON

The only proper response to grace is REPENTANCE

REPENTANCE: Repentance is a CHANGE OF MIND that brings about a heart sorrow for and renunciation of sin, which leads to a consequent CHANGE LIFE OF ACTION

What REPENTANCE IS NOT

- Just a change of opinion (2 Cor 7:10)
- Just a sorrow that you got caught
 - o (not feeling bad for what you have done, but for who you are)
- A performance of penance

WHAT REPENTANCE IS:

Repentance is COMMANDED by GOD (Acts 17:30)

Repentance BRINGS PEOPLE TO SALVATION (2 Peter 3:9) Burden of God's heart
Repentance means you CHANGED YOUR MIND (Math 21:29)
Repentance is a GIFT GOD GRANTS because it is produced by the convicting power of the Holy Ghost (2 Tim 2:25)

HOW REPENTANCE IS RELATED TO SALVATION (Acts 20:21, 3:19)

Repentance -> Conversion -> Faith

Negative turning from Positive turning to

THREE THINGS THAT BRING SALVATION

Repentance Change of Mind (MIND)

Conversion Change of Direction (ACTION)

Faith Commitment of Trust (WILL)

Faith is a precursor to all other things (without faith it is impossible to please God)

While love is the greatest DO BE, Faith is the first responsibility of MANKIND

True Biblical Love only originates from faith that leads to CHARITY

THREE ASPECTS OF FAITH -

1 Faith is an OBJECT in which one places trust in that which is believed (Judge 3, Gal 1:23)

2 Faith is the ACT or state of believing that act of the will which trusts (Acts 16:31, Rom 5:1)

3 Faith is a QUALITY of steadfastness, that which makes one worthy to be trusted (Rom 3:3, Gal 3:9)

THREE TYPES OF FAITH

Faith as INTELLECTUAL ASSENT (John 2:22-24) – Head Knowledge

Faith as one of the GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT (1 Cor 12:9) – To enable you to stay on right path

Saving Faith (Acts 16:31)

WHAT FAITH IS NOT

Faith is not RATIONALISM – this type of faith does not work; dead faith

Faith is not a MERIT or GOOD WORK

Faith is not MYSTICAL GRACE imparted to a passive soul

Faith: means to be PERSUADED ABOUT GOD'S PROMISE to the extent that it enables God's performance

- Luke 1:45, Acts 27:25, Rom 4:21, Heb 11:1-3, 11
- This is the picture of Gal 2:20

THE ABCs OF WHAT FAITH IS

ACCEPT

BELIEVE (1 Cor 15:1-3)

CONFESS – He becomes your LORD and MASTER (He is not SAVIOR unless He is LORD)

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

III. THE MEANING OF CONVERSION

1 Thes 1:9, Acts 3:26, 9:35, 14:15

- Turning away from, turn back from; IE Repent

Conversion is MAN'S ACT (turn) and GOD WORK (Turns man)

Results: Forgiveness of sins, removal of blindness, service to God (some things you cannot see or understand until you convert, seeing past, and your position in God's true light) which leads to your understanding of your UNION WITH CHRIST

Grace, Election, Calling: the Why of Salvation

Repentance, Faith, Conversion, the How's of salvation

What you get in salvation begins in IDENTIFICATION with being IN CHRIST

Union examples in the Bible:

is like a building and foundation, husband and wife, organism and its food, vines and branches, head and body, father and son,

Union with Christ

1 Secures our complete identification with Christ ON THE CROSS (Gal 2:20, Col 2:20, Rom 6:4)

2 Secure our participation in all the spiritual blessings in Christ and all the RESOURCES IN HEAVEN (Eph 1:3, 2:5-6)

3 Secures our relationship to every other believer (Gal 3:28)

What it Gives Christ (important to understand what HE GETS by our OBEDIENCE)

A BODY (to do His work,) an INHERITANCE (that is us), and a KINGDOM (who call Him LORD)

Body identification through baptism

Inheritance as we participate in mission

Kingdom with His relationship through His SUBJECTS – the king needs this to be a LORD

Union with Christ in his death is the antidote to LEGALISM while union with Christ in His resurrection is the antidote for WORDLINESS

Romans 8:33

Justification is a proclamation brought about by God's PROPITIATION

Making us ONE by God's atonement (Payment price)

Which enables Redemption which results in RECONCILIATION

Knowing the DIFFERENCE between all these words ACTUALLY MATTERS

IT is the exact details of what takes place when a SINNER meets the SAVIOR

Maybe do not need to know it at JUSTIFICATION
But you certainly need to know it in the SANCTIFICATION process
Because it is going to be the result of your GLORIFICATION

IV. CHRIST WORK IN SALVATION

Redemption means the RANSOM PAID TO BUY BACK God's lost human property from bondage and captivity (Mark 10:45). Rom 5:10; 2 Cor 5:19-20

- Bondage to Satan and Sin

Reconciliation means to OVERCOME OUR SEPARATION and bring a sinner back into union and fellowship with God.

Propitiation means a payment which makes God pity us, because it SATISFIES HIS OFFENDED JUSTICE. Heb 9:5

- Basis for justification

THE SCEPTER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- 1) Salvation: deliverance to get God's health
- 2) Redemption: purchasing to get God's freedom
- 3) Reconciliation: uniting to get God's fellowship
- 4) Propitiation: satisfying to get God's mercy
- 5) Expiation: purging to get God's cleansing
- 6) Sanctification: setting apart to get God's holiness
- 7) Imputation: accounting or reckoning to get God's merit
- 8) Justification: declaring righteous to get God's life

REGENERATION'S TWO SENSES

- The PERSON is regenerated (a new order is set up inside the person)
- The PLANET is regenerated (a new order is set up on the earth – during the Millennium)

WHY [MUST YE] BE BORN AGAIN?

- 1) We are SPIRITUALLY DEAD
- 2) We are a child in the WRONG FAMILY
- 3) We are SPIRITUALLY BLIND
- 4) We are unable to change our spiritual condition or reclaim our LOST ETATE

Regeneration is the act of God in IMPARDING THE LIFE OF GOD IN to the one who has believed in the Son of God.

9 ALL THINGS BECOME NEW

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| • A new creature, 2 Cor 5:17 | • A new nature, 2 Pet 1:4 | • A new insight, John 3:3 |
| • A new life, John 3:6-7 | • A new heart, Ezek 36:26 | • A new man, Col 3:10 |
| • A new relationship, John 1:12 | • A new inclination, Eph 4:23-24 | • A new name, Rev 2:17 |

■ All things new. **Rev 21:5**

THE DIVINE PURPOSE IN REGENERATION

- A) To be the firstfruits of God's creation, Jas 1:18
- B) To bring us into an inheritance in glory, 1 Pet 1:3-4
- C) To produce good works right now, Eph 2:10
- D) To give us a foretaste of glory divine, and a down-payment on what we will be, 1 John 3:2

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE

REGENERATION	ADOPTION
A work of God	A declaration by God
To make you his child (Gr. <i>Teknon</i>)	To place you as his son (Gr. <i>Huios</i>)
So that you share his nature	So that you are positioned as his heir
Giving you a life relationship with the Father	Giving you a legal relationship with the Father

■ *A notable distinction.*

God never ADOPTS ANY OTHER CHILDREN but his own.

He makes you a legit heir, because you are a legit child

WHAT BELONGS TO THE SONS OF GOD?

- 1) I get SET FREE from the bondage of fear, Rom 8:15
- 2) I am given THE SPIRIT of God's Son, Gal 4:6
- 3) I am given rights to the family name, Rev 3:12
- 4) I am made heir of God and joint-heir with Christ, Gal 4:7
- 5) I am given great ASSURANCE AND BOLDNESS, Rom 8:15 cf. Mark 14:36

WHAT ADOPTION MEANS TO ME

- The greatness of the coming glory motivates me to triumph in present suffering, Rom 8:18
- The great day to which I belong keeps me soberly watching for its dawning, 1 Thes 5:1-8
- It keeps me from backsliding and returning to the world, Gal 4:7-11
- It destroys all prejudice and discrimination, Gal 3:26-28; Rom 8:34

Holiness does not mean sinlessness; holiness, means to BE SET APART for kingdom work.

THE THREEFOLD WORK OF SANCTIFICATION						
Time	Nature	Means	From	To	Result	Responsibility
PAST	Instantaneous	The Blood Heb 13:12; 10:10	Sinful World	God's Control	A Holy Position	Believe , John 3
PRESENT	Process	The Book and the Spirit John 17:17; 15:3; Eph 5:26; 1 Pet 1:22-23	Sinful Walk	God's Character	A Holy Progression	Behave , Rom 6
FUTURE	Finish	The Blessed Hope 1 John 3:2	Sinful Nature	God's Completion	A Holy Perfection	Behold , 1 Cor 15

■ *The Work of Sanctification, Phil 1:6.*

Because we BELONG to GOD we should act SAINTLY

V. How Does This Change My Life?

Adoption & Identification, Rom 8:35-39

Eternal security is our perseverance as a result of GOD'S PRESERVATION

John 10:27-30; 6:37-39; 17:2; 1 Cor 1:8-9; 2 Thes 3:3-4; Phil 1:6; Eph 4:3; 1:13-14; Rom 11:29; 2 Tim 1:9

You cannot be UNBORN – there is not a passage in the bible that even closely states this, it's impossible, just as you did nothing to be born the first time, what could you do to be born the second time?

HOW COULD GOD DIE?

THE ATONEMENT

- The death of Christ is the Heart of the Gospel
- Without it no one could ever be saved
- But how can GOD die?

The forfeiting of Christ's free life has FREED OUR FORFIETED LIVES. 1 Cor 2:2

The Scarlet Thread:

TYPES	
OT Sacrifices	Rom 3:21
Coat of Skins	Gen 3:21
Abel's Lamb	Gen 4:4
Isaac's Offering	Gen 22
Brazen Serpent	Num 21; John 3:14-15
Passover Lamb	Exod 12; John 1:29
PROPHECIES	
Seed of the Woman	Gen 3:15
Sufferer of Psalms	Ps 22,69
Suffering Servant	Isa 52:13-53:12
Cut-Off Messiah	Dan 9:24-26
Smitten Shepherd	Zech 13:7

■ *Christ's Death in Types and Prophecies.*

AT-ONE-MENT with God by His sacrificial death

SEVEN INCOMPLETE/FALSE THEORIES OF THE ATONEMENT

- Christ's death and life was to be our example so we could copy and reproduce it
- Christ's death was that of a martyr and only proved his conviction about the value of his principles
- Christ's death was a moral influence that causes us to live holy lives today
- Christ's death was the deification of humanity as we contemplate his life or receive the sacraments
- Christ's death was an expression of the high regard God has for his law before he pardons a sinner
- Christ's death was victory over evil demonic powers who sought to destroy us
- Christ's death was his identification with our sins to the degree that he repented for us

THE BIBLICAL MEANING OF THE ATONEMENT

- 1) A ransom for many, Matt 20:28; Heb 2:14-15—the purchase price paid to redeem. (presupposes you have been sold to something else)
- 2) A redemption out of sin, Eph 1:7—release from the slave market of sin.
- 3) A Passover, 1 Cor 5:7—a sacrifice protecting us from judgment. (presupposes guilt)
- 4) A trespass offering, Isa 53:10—a sacrifice compensating for sin.
- 5) A reconciliation of man, 2 Cor 5:18-19—union by the laying aside of opposition. (presupposes enmity and alienation)
- 6) A substitution for sinners, Isa 53:5; 2 Cor 5:21—an exchange of life; the Christ for the criminal. (presupposes your inability to save; deliver yourself)
- 7) A satisfaction or propitiation toward God, Rom 3:25—the satisfaction of offended justice. (which presupposes His wrath towards the sinner)

THE EXTENT OF THE ATONEMENT

- Being infinite, it is sufficient for the sins of the entire world for all time, John 1:29
 - Being universal, its blessings are available to all, Rev 22:17
 - Being exclusive, it is only effective for those who willingly believe in the sacrifice and receive Jesus as Lord, 1 Tim 4:10
- The only LIMIT to atonement is your willingness to not accept it
 - You have the POWER to limit it, by making its effects not apply to you

HIS OFFICES

In his offices, Christ is ACTIVE AS WELL AS ALIVE.

1. HIS *PREPERATION OF OUR HOME* AS HIS BRIDE, John 14:1-3
2. HIS *INTERCESSION FOR HIS BRIDE* WHILE HE IS AWAY, Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; 9:24
3. HIS TRINITY OF OFFICES
 - a. He uses the knowledge of a PROPHET
 - b. He exudes the holiness of a HIGH PRIEST
 - c. He exercises the power of a KING

HIS PROSPECTIVE MAJESTY

A. WHO IS IN CHARGE? RESURRECTION

The resurrection is not only a marvelous fact but A MIGHTY FACTOR. Phil 3:10

THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

- 1) Was the declaration of the Father that the Son's work was accepted, Phil 2:9
- 2) Was the cause of our salvation, Rom 4:25; 5:10; Eph 1:20; Phil 2:10; 1 Pet 1:3
- 3) Is the proof of our eventual resurrection, Rom 6:4,5,9; 1 Cor 6:14; 15:20-22

THE PROOFS OF HIS RESURRECTION

Direct proofs include:

Reputable, eye-witness accounts of the apostles at the time, Luke 24

- Corroborating witnesses besides the apostles, 1 Cor 15:4-7
- Paul's description of Jesus in a resurrected body, 1 Cor 15:8

- The empty tomb and its credibility over time, Luke 24:3

Indirect proofs include:

- The drastic change wrought in his followers, Acts 4:10
- The change in the day of rest and worship, Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2
- The positive testimony of early disciples, Acts 17:31

2 Thes 1:10

WILL HE RETURN? SECOND COMING

Key Thought: All that Christ is and has is NOW AT OUR DISPOSAL!

- How does this happen? Because the Holy Ghost was given to us

What was I made to do?

Regeneration (Destiny)

The purpose for humanity has to do with accomplishing GOD PLAN IN HIS PLACE

Extend His kingdom across the universe

Adam was created to positively influence the creation around him

An inherent tendency to do good but the freedom to do evil

The factor that is put forth now is the option to sin

Seven RESPONSIBILITIES IN ETERNITY

To wear a crown in the Kingdom of Heaven

- Transferred to Israel
- Transferred to Church
- ENDS UP LIKE IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN (all together as ONE – Eph 1:10)

1) To **refill** the earth, Gen 1:28 with Sons of God

2) To **subdue** nature, Gen 1:28

3) To **rule** over God's creatures, Gen 1:28; Dan 7:14,18, 22, 27

4) To **cultivate** the Garden, Gen 2:15

5) To **colonize** the universe, Isa 9:7

6) To gradually gather **knowledge**, understand it, turn it to **wisdom** in **mastery** of all things

7) To **manifest** the glory of God, Isa 43:7