

Lesson #12: Salvation

Grudem Chapters; 35,36,37,38 (Conversion, Justification, Adoption, Sanctification)

I. Three tenses of Salvation

- a. Past – Eph 2:4-8 “have been”
- b. Present – 2 Cor. 2:15 “being”
- c. Future – Rom 5:9-10 “shall be”

What are you saved from?

Sin – guilt, power, and presence
Separation – alienation from God
Satan – in terms of authority, not influence

What am I saved to?

Fulfilled life – John 10:10
Fellowship with God
Joy despite circumstances

II. Grace

Common/General = God’s non-redemptive goodness extended to all persons.

Saving (three dimensions)

1. Unconditional acceptance; Rom. 11:5-6
2. Empowerment; 2 Cor. 12:9, Acts 6:5, 8
3. Redemption and Forgiveness from Sin; Eph 1:7

III. What is Prevenient Grace? What is Effectual Grace?

Prevenient Grace (a Wesleyan thought) = “God... restores to the sinner the ability to make a favorable response to God. In other words, God in His grace makes it possible for all to be saved” (Theissen, *Lectures in Systematic Theology*, 1st ed. Pg. 155)

Effectual Grace (also called Particular, or Irresistible Grace, a Calvinist thought) = the gracious act of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the elect that infallibly leads to conviction of sin and belief in the gospel.

IV. Union with Christ/Adoption

Col 3:1-15

Col 3:3,5	“You have died” – past fact	“dead to....” - present command
Col 3:8,9	“put them all aside” - present command – OLD NATURE	“laid aside” – past fact - OLD SELF
Col 3:10,12	“have put on” – past fact - NEW SELF	“put on” – present command – NEW NATURE

Summary of Col 3:1-15:

Past fact: You have died with Christ, you laid aside your OLD SELF with its evil practices, and you have put on a NEW SELF which is being renewed.

Present command: Consider yourself dead to sin, put aside your OLD NATURE (sin), put on your NEW NATURE (heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience)

V. Conversion

Defined: Conversion is an act of faith (entrustment) which results in turning from sin (repentance) to a new life of following Christ.

Two elements of Conversion: Repentance and Faith;

→Repentance: Matt. 3:2, Mark 1:15, Luke 13:3-5, Acts 2:38, 2 Pet. 3:9

Repentance = turning away from sin and toward God, resulting in changed behavior.

→Faith: Heb 11:1, Rom 10:9-10

Elements of faith include knowledge, assent (agreement), and trust.

Faith = the certainty of God's benevolence toward us founded on the truth of the promise given in Christ, revealed to our minds and sealed upon our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

VI. Regeneration

Refer to Notes on Lesson #9, Holy Spirit. The summary: At conversion, believers are regenerated (new heart) and indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

VII. Justification

Defined: God pardons, accepts, and declares a sinner to be "just"

Does God make sinners righteous?

Does God declare sinners righteous?

Two elements of Justification: Forgiveness of Sins and Child of God;

Forgiveness of Sins = remission of punishment

Child of God = adoption into God's family

●When "justified", we have unconditional acceptance based on Christ's righteousness. ●We have conditional approval based on progressive sanctification (below).

VIII Sanctification

Defined: "to set apart" or "to make holy"

Nature of Sanctification: At conversion believers receive a new identity, a new heart, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Then, life is lived by the power of the Holy Spirit, progressively maturing into the likeness of Christ. This is called “progressive sanctification”.

→Two extremes in sanctification:

1. “Let go and let God”
2. “Gut it out for Jesus”

Does God love some people more than others? (Does God love Hitler as much as me?)

1. God loves the world, and gave them Jesus. John 3:16
2. God loves His children, and they are saved. Eph. 1:5, John 1:12
3. God loves the obedient, and they receive intimacy. John 14:21

IX Glorification (see Grudem Ch 42)

- The Kingdom of Heaven has come, and it is coming.
- The “intermediate state” = our body in the grave; our immaterial person is with Jesus.
Christians do not come under judgment in the same way as non-Christians (John 5:24, Rom 8:1)
- However, Christians will be judged for what we have done. (1 Cor. 3:9-15, 2 Cor. 5:10)
- Jesus is coming back to earth sometime in the future, and the dead bodies of believers are resurrected (glorification); (Rom 8:17, Rev 19:11 ff)
- A new heaven and a new earth will be created; (Revelation 21)
- We spend eternity in our new resurrected bodies with Jesus!

Are you ready to share your faith with others?

Sharing the Gospel from Acts 2:22-47

(source: Steve Walker @ Redeemer’s Roseburg)

What God did

- v. 22 Jesus – Immanuel
- v. 23 Jesus – died
- v. 24 Jesus – raised up
- v. 33 Jesus – exalted
- v. 33 Holy Spirit poured out

What we do

- v. 38 Repent
- v. 38 Get baptized
- v. 41 Receive the Word by faith

What we get

v. 38 Forgiveness of sins

v. 38 Holy Spirit

v. 42 Church

v. 46, 47 A task to do

v. 47 Heaven (saved)