

# **SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**

## **Christ and Redemption**

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**Week 9: Application of Redemption**

# **INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW**

## **ORDER OF SALVATION**

- **“A sinner will not be declared righteous in God’s sight unless he believes, and it is only through the instrumentality of faith that he will lay hold of the righteousness of God in Christ.” (Biblical Doctrine [569])**

## EXTERNAL CALL

Three key components

1. **Facts of the Gospel**
2. **Call to repent and believe**
3. **Promise of forgiveness of sins and eternal life.**

# REGENERATION

John 3  
John 6:44  
John 1:12-15  
Eph 2:5  
Titus 3:5

- ***Why is this so vital?*** “Sin has so infected and corrupted mankind that nothing less than the wholesale renovation of the soul is required for salvation. Rearranging your life, modifying your behavior, or multiplying religious performances will not suffice.” (578)
- ***What is it?*** “At the most fundamental level, regeneration is the divine impartation of eternal spiritual life into the spiritually dead sinner.” (580)

## CONVERSION

- **“True repentance never exists except in conjunction with faith, while, on the other hand, wherever there is true faith, there is also real repentance. The two are but different aspects of the same turning, a turning away from sin in the direction of God ... The two cannot be separated, they are simply complementary parts of the same process.” (Louis Berkhof – Systematic Theology [487])(591)**

# CONVERSION

Two sides of the coin

1 Cor 6:11

Luke 3:8

Rom 10:9

Eph 2:8, 9

Heb 11:1

## 1. Repentance

## 2. Faith

- **Knowledge**
  - “Knowledge of the gospel message – namely, the divinely revealed facts of God’s holiness, sin’s penalty, Christ’s identity, and what he has accomplished for sinners – is the very ground of saving faith.” (597)
- **Assent**
- **Trust**
  - “Faith is knowledge passing into conviction, and it is conviction passing into confidence. Faith cannot stop short of self-commitment to Christ, a transference of reliance upon ourselves and all human resources to reliance upon Christ alone for salvation. It is receiving and resting upon him.” (John Murray – *Redemption Accomplished and Applied* 111)(598-599)

## CONVERSION

Matt 13:44

Luke 9:23

- **“These texts should caution the student of Scripture from conceiving of saving faith as that which merely uses Christ to escape punishment. Saving is faith is preeminently an eager embrace of a person – a wholehearted, delightful reception of Christ for the fullness of who he is, namely, the source of all righteousness, life, and satisfaction for the newborn soul.” (599)**



## ADOPTION

John 1:12

Rom 8:15

Eph 1:5

- **Jl Packer – “the highest privilege that the gospel offers.”**
- **What are the privileges? “a new and intimate familial relationship with God as a loving Father; the right to address Him as “Abba, Father”, the care and compassion of God as Father; the loving discipline of our Father; and the joy of a new family relationship with other brothers and sisters in Christ.”**  
**(*The Essential Scriptures* – Kevin Zuber 255)**

# SANCTIFICATION

Rom 8:2 9

1 Cor 3:18

- **“In sanctification, God, working especially through the Holy Spirit, separates the believers unto himself and him increasingly holy, progressively transforming him into the image of Christ by subduing the power of sin in his life and enabling him to bear the fruit of obedience in his life.” (632)**

# SANCTIFICATION

Phil 2:12-13  
1 Thess 5:23

- **“The faithful Christian acknowledges that God brings forth the fruit of holiness by means of the believer’s labors. Scripture’s repeated calls to effort, action, and obedience are commands for believers to put themselves in the way of those channels of sanctifying grace that the Spirit employs to conform Christ’s people into his image.” (641)**

# PERSEVERANCE

Rom 8:35, 37-39

John 6:37-40

Rom 8:33-34

Eph 1:13-14

- Grounded in the attributes of God
- Grounded in the merits of Christ's saving work and intercession.
- Grounded in the ministry of the Holy Spirit

# **GLORIFICATION**

**I Corinthians 15**

**UNION WITH CHRIST**