

# THEOLOGY II: Doctrine of Bible and Salvation

Session 1 - **Biblical Foundations (part 1)** Dr. Jeremy Kimble

## Christology

1. Person
2. Natures
3. Offices - King, Priest, Prophet
4. Moments - Incarnation, Death, Resurrection, Exaltation (Ascension)

Christ (Person - Work) ---- Salvation (Gospel - Union with Christ - Ordo Salutis/order of)

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he (1) **foreknew** he also (2) **predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also (3) **called**, and those whom he called he also (4) **justified**, and those whom he justified he also (5) **glorified**. Rom 8:28-30*

### ● KEY QUESTIONS

- What is the gospel?
- What is the central reality of salvation?
- What is the order of salvation?
- How do we continue to grow in our faith?
- Can true Christians lose their salvation?

## INTRODUCTION

*“A staggering number of people have been taught that a select few Christians will spend forever in a peaceful, joyous place called heaven while the rest of humanity spends forever in torment and punishment in hell with no chance for anything better. It’s been clearly communicated to many that this belief is a central truth of the Christian faith and to reject it is, in essence, to reject Jesus. This (he says) is misguided, toxic, and ultimately subverts the contagious spread of Jesus’ message of love, peace, forgiveness and joy that our world desperately needs to hear.”*

Rob Bell, *Love Wins* *A book about heaven, hell, and the fate of every person who ever lived. Everyone will be won over by God’s love... eventually. Hell is real but at some point it will be emptied because everyone will see the love of Jesus.*

Culture looks at love as total acceptance and tolerance - embrace me as I am. Biblical view of love = sacrifice. It’s an overflow of joy in God that meets the needs of others and displays the glory of God to them.

*So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. **It is for the glory of God**, so that the The Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister Lazarus. So, (therefore) when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. John 11:3-6*

(\*Class takes a break to share their testimonies of faith and discuss key terms in salvation)

- Theology I takes us through the doctrine of God, which depicts Him as holy and just. One also sees a theology of humanity and sin, wherein one must reckon with our sinful state before God and the consequences that will be meted out.
- Bottom line, we need to be saved from our sins and the consequences to something different.

(\*Class takes a break to write out a sentence to describe and discuss ... **What is the gospel?**)

## **THE GOSPEL**

- The gospel is news, specifically good news about the person and work of Jesus Christ.

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins** in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. 1 Cor 15:3-4*

*because, if you confess with your mouth that **Jesus is Lord** and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Rom 10:9*

- The gospel is the announcement that the crucified and risen Jesus (perfect Son of God, Son of Man), who died for our sins and rose again according to the Scriptures, has been enthroned as the true Lord, Savior, and Treasure of the world. When this gospel is preached, God calls people, out of sheer grace, to respond in repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.
  - This definition is historical, telling us the reality of who Jesus is and what he accomplished.
  - It is also experiential, meaning it is applied to us through the means of repentance (turning from sin) and faith in Jesus as our Lord, Savior, and Treasure.

## THE FUNCTIONAL CENTRALITY OF THE GOSPEL

- **Gospel Doctrine** - Ephesians 1-3, Galatians 1-4, Colossians 1-2
- **Gospel Truths** - based on the gospel there are realities for those who are in Christ

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom 5:1*

*There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

Rom 8:1

*He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Rom 8:32*

- **Gospel Conduct** - our manner of life is shaped by the gospel. Live this way.  
Ephesians 4-6 Galatians 5-6, Colossians 3-4

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, **as God in Christ forgave you**. Eph 4:32*

## What's true of me because I am saved? What do I have in Christ?

### ***Spiritual Blessings in Christ***

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.*

*In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.  
Ephesians 1:3-14*

## **Based on that amazing truth, how is God then calling me to live?**

### ***Put On the New Self***

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

*When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.*

*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*

*And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.*

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col 3:1-17*