



BIBLE MINOR

THINKING DEEPLY ABOUT GOD
THROUGH RELATIONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

THEOLOGY: SALVATION

Bible Minor
Theology: Doctrine of Bible and Salvation
Class 01: Biblical Foundations (Part 1)

Class Schedule (90 minutes total)

Please arrive on time

10-15 minutes	Fellowship at your table (get to know each other)
15 minutes	Pre-Video Discussion Questions
30-40 minutes	Class via Video
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5 minutes	Closing Thoughts and Dismissal

Feel free to stay around and hang out after class

Pre-Video Discussion Questions

1. Please take the time and have each person formally introduce themselves. Possibly tell where you work, go to school/college, and how long you've been going to our church.
2. Have someone read this important statement from our church leadership concerning this class
"There will be a lot of information that you will learn over the next several months. Some of the information will be life-changing because you've never heard something taught quite like this before. However, there may be other moments in this class when you struggle keeping up or don't understand a concept or teaching. During those moments, please focus on what you understand and not what you don't. Understanding the Scriptures is a lifetime of study, not an instant grasping of every truth. Be patient with yourself. Ask God for help when you don't understand. Most of all, don't quit learning. These classes are meant to provide a greater knowledge of God that leads you to know and love Him more."

Mid-Video Discussion Projects

1. Have each person share how they came to faith in Christ.
2. Write out one sentence to describe the Gospel.

Post-Video Discussion Questions

1. What is true of us because we are saved and *in Christ*?
2. Based on our relationship with Christ, how is God calling us to live?

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

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Theology: Doctrine of Bible and Salvation
Class 02: Biblical Foundations (Part 2)

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Pre-Video Discussion Questions

1. Based on our discussion in last week's class, how would you define the Gospel?
2. Discuss your thoughts on the following scenario: A person prays a prayer and claims he is saved; however, his faith is never demonstrated in his lifestyle. Will that person spend eternity in heaven? Why or why not?

Post-Video Discussion Questions

1. We often say that the Gospel is *good news*. Give the specific news that is good as well as the details of that news.
2. Concerning "timing" of salvation, explain the difference between an *event* and a *process*.
3. Explain the difference between the following terms: salvation (justification), sanctification, and glorification.
4. Discuss the three aspects of how we accept salvation.
5. Discuss one thing (out of many) that we get in salvation.

THEOLOGY II: Doctrine of Bible and Salvation

Session 2 - **Biblical Foundations (part 2)** Dr. Jeremy Kimble

What were you saved from?

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience - among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. Eph 2:1-3 (bad news)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Ps 32:1-2 (Only those who are in Christ can say that - the standard is God himself)

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Ps 32:3-4 (the weight of sin kept secret)

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord," and you forgave me the iniquity of my sin. Ps 32:5

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Ps 32:10-11

THE GOSPEL

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DIFFERENT CONCEPTIONS OF SALVATION

- While evangelicals generally know what we mean by the word “salvation,” we need to be aware that it is used in different **senses** in some theological circles.
 - **As to Time:** is salvation an **event** or a **process**? The traditional Roman Catholic view is that salvation (justification) is the process of becoming just or righteous.

Protestant - Event

By faith **alone** (We are **declared righteous**)

RCC - Process

By faith (You are **becoming righteous** via Sacraments: Starts with Infant Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist/Lord’s Supper, Confession/Repentance, Priesthood, Marriage, Last Rights/Purgatory)

- Evangelicals have emphasized salvation as an **event**, but we can and should incorporate the idea of process as well. As an event, we have been saved from the penalty of sin (**justification**). As a process, we are being saved from the power of sin (**sanctification**). One day, in the final event of God’s plan, we will be saved from the presence of sin (**glorification**). All are aspects of salvation.
- **As to need.** The traditional formulation has emphasized the need to be saved from the righteous wrath of God that our sin calls forth, and restored to a proper relationship with him. Thus, the primary idea in salvation is **vertical** (Eph 2:1-20)
- **As to Medium.** How does one get saved? The Catholic answer has focused on the sacraments; liberation theology on **overthrowing** oppressive political structures; some look to psychologists to help them find **resolution** of conflicts and achieve a healthy psyche; evangelicals look to salvation by **grace** through faith.

Moralistic Therapeutic Deism: Predominate worldview in America today. Be a good person & do the right thing, God’s there to meet your psychological needs, God created the world and said... “You’re on your own now, I’m done”. Live how you want to... but God will be there in times of crisis.

- **As to Extent** (see Luke 13:23-24). Will all be saved (universalism) or only some? The fate, especially of those unevangelized, is one of the most pressing questions in this area.

Universalism: Everyone is saved. Easier emotionally.

Inclusivism: Each does the best they can in regards to their particular religion - It’s good enough for God.

Exclusivism: *Believers in Jesus Christ alone are saved.*

VERSES THAT STATE THE GOSPEL IS EXCLUSIVE

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever believes in him** should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

*Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me.** John 14:6*

*And there is **salvation in no one else**, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12*

Easy believism. Said a prayer 30 years ago/No fruitfulness to your salvation.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ Matt 7:21-23

*But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—**by grace you have been saved**— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Eph 2:4-10*

That’s why we have church discipline. The issue isn’t sin because we all sin. Fruitfulness matters. The issue is repentance and ongoing faith.

THE ESSENCE OF SALVATION

- Union with Christ
 - While there are many ways to describe what happens in salvation (forgiveness, eternal life, justification, adoption, etc.), I think the best phrase for the essence of salvation that sums up and includes all the rest is **union with Christ**.
 - Look at Ephesians 1:3-14 and see the presence of “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.

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UNION WITH CHRIST

- In the OT, there are a variety of images that show the solidarity that exists between the Messiah and his people.

- In Isa 7:14, he is **Immanuel**, God with us.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isa 7:14

- In Is 53, he identifies himself with his people's sin, suffering in their **place**.
- Jer 23:5 and 33:15 speak of the **branch** who is our **righteousness**.

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. Jer 23:5

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. Jer 33:15

- In Ezek 34:23, he is our **shepherd**.

And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. Ezek 34:23

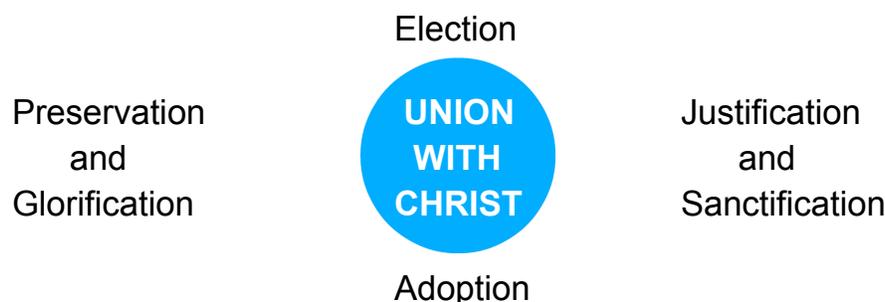
- In Dan 7:13-14, he is not the only Son of God, but the Son of man.

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. Dan 7:13-14

- In all these images, there is the idea of one who is **united** to his **people**.

- In the NT, the **incarnation** is the greatest act of union and identification ever seen. Moreover, faith in the NT is primarily faith **in Christ**. It directs someone toward union with him.
- Analogies for union with Christ.
 - Trinitarian realities of union (John 17:21,23)
 - Stone in a building (Eph 2:19-22, 1 Pet 2:4-5)
 - Adam to human race (Rom 5:12-19; 1 Cor 15:19-49)
 - Vine and branches (John 15:1-17)
 - Marriage (Eph 5:22-23)
 - Head and body (Eph 4:15-16)
- The union of the believer with Christ is a real, vital, life-giving, spiritual union, accomplished by the **indwelling** of the Holy Spirit and his union with our spirit. Note the close association of Jesus and the Spirit (Rom 8:9-11, 2 Cor 3:17-18, John 14:16). Christ still has his human body (a glorified, spiritual body), and is located at the right hand of God. Calvin says, “The Holy Spirit is the **means** by which Christ effectively links us to himself.”
- Keathley states, “First, **positionally** God looks upon Christ as our representative, and all his accomplishments are considered by God to be ours. Second, **experientially**, we begin to undergo the transforming benefits when at conversion the Spirit dwells in us.” More and more and more like Christ.
- The Means of Union with Christ. If union with Christ is the essence of salvation, then the means to union with Christ is the same as the means of salvation: **faith in Him**.
- The Results of Union with Christ. We share all he is and has; his **righteousness** (1 Cor 1:30), his **power** (2 Cor 12:9), his **authority** in spiritual warfare (Matt 28:18-20), his sufferings (Phil 3:8-10), and his **kingdom** (2 Tim 2:12). In fact, every spiritual blessing we experience as believers is a **fruit** of our union with Christ (Eph 1:4).

*And because of him you are **in Christ Jesus**, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” 1 Cor 1:30-31*



*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 **foreknew** he also **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 **called**, and those whom he called he also **justified**, and those whom he justified he also glorified. Rom 8:28-30*

DIMENSIONS OF SALVATION

- The phrase *ordo salutis* simply means the **order** of salvation. In the history of theology there has been a good deal of discussion of *ordo salutis*. The only explicit biblical base for this whole issue is **Rom 8:28-30**, which gives a sequence of **foreknowledge, predestination, calling, justification, and glorification**. Of course, we know this cannot be complete, since faith/repentance, regeneration, and sanctification must be fitted in along the way, but more by logic and implication.
- **Why we accept salvation**
 - Grace
 - Election/Predestination
 - New Life
 - Calling
- **How we accept salvation**
 - Repentance
 - Faith
 - Conversion
- **What we get in salvation**
 - New Life
 - Union with Christ
 - Justification
 - Adoption
 - Sanctification (definitive act, ongoing process)
 - Perseverance/Preservation
 - Glorification
- Before we get to that sequence, however, we must note the foundational importance of **grace**. The word *charis* is found 155 times in the NT. While Scripture does teach the idea of common grace, which applies to all on the level of providence, grace normally relates to salvation and those who receive God's spiritual blessings. We may define grace in this sense as **God's goodness of saving and restoring those who deserve eternal punishment**.

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Pre-Video Discussion Questions

1. Review last week by working with your group to create a clear definition of the Gospel.
2. When you hear the word *grace*, what do you think it means?
3. Discuss with your group a scenario of what it looks like when we show *grace* to others.

Post-Video Discussion Questions

1. Have someone read Ephesians 2:8-10 and briefly discuss the meaning of the following terms in that verse: 1) grace, 2) faith, 3) gift, 4) not of works, 5) created in Christ Jesus for good works, and 6) we should walk in them [*good works*].
2. The term *election* scares many people, but it is used throughout Scripture. Summarize the teaching of election with the 4 summary points in your notes.
3. Take some time to discuss your thoughts on the teaching of election. Does it scare you? How can you make sense of it based on human understanding and Divine appointment?

THEOLOGY II: Doctrine of Bible and Salvation

Session 3 - **Biblical Foundations (part 3)** Dr. Jeremy Kimble

Grace - Getting what I don't deserve **Mercy** - not getting what I do deserve

DIMENSIONS OF SALVATION

- Grace is **manifested** in Christ.

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses, **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.***

John 1:14-17

- Grace is the ultimate **basis** of salvation.

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are **justified by his grace** as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. Rom 3:23-25*

- Grace is also the **pattern** for the Christian life.

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rom 5:2

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, **training us** to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Titus 2:11-14*

- Grace is **unmerited favor**.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom 5:6-8

- Grace is received solely through faith as a **gift**.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, Eph 2:8

- Grace is **compelling**.

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor 4:4-6

- Back to the **order of salvation**, we begin with two words that must take place in the order of salvation, for they lead us back to the... before the foundation of the world: **predestination**, and **election**.

GOD -----	We SIN -----	SALVATION
Loving	Dead	New heart/New covenant
Holy/Righteous/Just	Condemned	New birth
Purity	Separated	New life - Gospel - Spirit
Wrath	Enemies/Rebels	

*"Rabbi, we know that you're a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered, (Nicodemus/Pharisee) "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again... born of water and of Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." John 3:2b, 3:3,5. (Eze 36:25-27)*

*That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The **wind (pneuma/Spirit)** blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:6-8 (Being born again is something the Holy Spirit does)*

*"For you (Israel) are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has **chosen** you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. Deut 7:6 (Election - Predestination - Chosen)*

*It was not because you were more in number than any other people that **the Lord set his love on you and chose you**, for you were **the fewest of all peoples**, but it is (WHY?)... **because the Lord loves you** and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, Deut 7:7-9 (Genesis 12 - Abraham, a pagan not a Yahweh worshiper, is the 1st one chosen)*

"God is Love" is multi-faceted: John 3: God loves the world. John 10: Jesus loves his sheep and his sheep know him. There's a particular kind of love for God's people. *D.A. Carson*

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 (elected us) in him (assurance)** before the foundation of the world, (WHY?)... that we should be **holy and blameless (job description)** before him. In love he **predestined us (before time) for adoption** to himself **as sons (family!)** 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. Eph 1:3-6 (Rom 8, Eph 1, 1 Peter 1)

*But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world (satan) has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," (Genesis 1 Let there be light...) has shone in our hearts to give the light (**and life-God ordained salvation**) of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor 4:2-6*

*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*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. Rom 9:1-5 (I'm hurting emotionally for my fellow Jews who do not see Jesus as Messiah)

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. Rom 9:6a (According to OT prophesy, the Jews should be rejecting him. It's spreading like wildfire among the Gentiles) ***But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to "Israel"***, (they're not all believers) ***and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."*** This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or

bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but **because of him who calls**— she was told, “The older (Ishmael) will serve the younger (Isaac).” As it is written, “Jacob (**chosen seed**) I loved, but Esau I hated.” Rom 6b-13
What shall we say then? **(Is there injustice on God's part?)** (How is this fair?) By no means! For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. **(No one is saved apart from God's mercy)**

Rom 8:14-16

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he (God) hardens whomever he wills. **(How could I take initiative to be saved?)** You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” Rom 9:17-19

(How could it be my fault if I'm not saved?) But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— even us whom he has called, not from the **Jews** only **but also from the Gentiles?** (both) Rom 9:20-24

What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a **righteousness that is by faith**; Rom 9:30
Israel ‘Jews’ are trying to do it by works. You're not the potter, you're a bowl if he says so. He has authority over these things.

But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 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.** For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek: for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For **“everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” **So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.** Rom 10:6-17

SUMMARY

1. Election shows God's faithfulness - He keeps covenant when we are faithless
2. Election gives assurance - When you heard the word (were called) you responded! You're family.
3. Election calls us to holiness - Chosen to be holy and blameless.
4. Election encourages evangelism and prayers - When people pray... God works.

DIMENSIONS OF SALVATION... (From Theology I)

- We possess a freedom of **inclination** (compatibilism), not **indifference** (libertarianism).

Compatibilism: I am free to do what I most want to do, what is most in accordance with my character, what I'm most inclined to do, what motivates me.

Libertarianism: I'm always free to choose otherwise, I choose A... but I can choose B. I'm not coerced by an external force. I choose what I desire most.

Before conversion... I default to sin. After conversion I'm free to choose righteousness. After glorification I'll always desire righteousness.

Bible Minor
Theology: Doctrine of Bible and Salvation
Class 04: Ordo Salutis (Part 1)

Class Schedule (90 minutes total)

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10-15 minutes	Fellowship at your table (get to know each other)
15 minutes	Pre-Video Discussion Questions
30-40 minutes	Class via Video
10-15 minutes	Post-Video Discussion Questions
5 minutes	Closing Thoughts and Dismissal

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Pre-Video Discussion Questions

Review the following from the last class...

1. Why do we accept salvation? (focus on grace, election/predestination, new life, calling)
2. How do we accept salvation? (focus on repentance, faith, conversion)
3. What do we get in salvation? (focus on justification, sanctification, perseverance/preservation)

Post-Video Discussion Questions

1. Have someone read John 16:8-11. Based on these verses, what is the Spirit's work in salvation?
2. Together with your group, develop a 1-2 sentence definition of regeneration. Then, have someone read Galatians 5:17-24 and discuss the difference between *going to be at war with the flesh* and *you can war with the flesh effectively*.
3. Explain the following statement regarding faith, "The issue is not the intensity for our faith, but the objective finished work of Jesus and our faith being in that. It's not blind faith."
4. The other side of faith is repentance. With your group, develop a hypothetical, brief story of repentance in action in the life of a Christian.

THEOLOGY II: Doctrine of Bible and Salvation

Session 4 - Ordo Salutis 1 - Dr. Jeremy Kimble

- **Why we accept salvation**

- Grace
- Election/Predestination
- New Life
- Calling

- **How we accept salvation**

- Repentance
- Faith
- Conversion

- **What we get in salvation**

- New Life
- Union with Christ
- Justification
- Adoption
- Sanctification (definitive at, ongoing process)
- Perseverance/Preservation
- Glorification

*And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, **for I have many in this city who are my people.**" (They need the gospel so I will teach...) And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. Acts 18:9-11*

DIMENSIONS OF SALVATION

- Beyond what God did prior to creation, many things happen virtually simultaneously at the moment of conversation.
- **Calling.** See Rom 8:29-30. This passage is the only place where "calling" is used in this sense, though Christians are often spoken as "called" (Rom 1:6; 1 Cor 1:2; Gal 1:6). We often speak of the **universal call** of the gospel, (dinner's ready) as it calls all people to come to Christ, but the calling in Rom 8:29-30 is an **effectual call**, (2 respond) for its results in the salvation of all those called in this manner (cf. John 6:37; 2 Cor 4:4-6).



Spirit Gospel

*For those whom he **foreknew** he also **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 **called**, and those whom he called he also **justified**, and those whom he justified he also **glorified**. Rom 8:29-30*

including you who are **called** to belong to Jesus Christ, Rom 1:6

*To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called** to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 1 Cor 1:2*

*I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who **called** you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— Gal 1:6*

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. John 6:37

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor 4:4-6

- We interpret "calling" as a work of the **Spirit** that draws one to **salvation**. It includes **conviction** of sin, (John 16:8-11), the sense of need for **forgiveness** and a **Savior**, and the motivation to **respond** to the gospel. But these are all implications; the only biblical affirmation we have is that those predestined are called; and those called are also justified.

And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. John 16:8-11

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. Ezek 36:25-27

*Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Cor 5:17*

- **Regeneration**. This refers to **new** birth - new life. The concept of regeneration presupposes that something is wrong in human nature. It presupposes that humans exist in a **state** of spiritual **death** (Eph 2:1), a state in which they are at **enmity** with God (Rom 3:10-18; 8:7).

And you were **dead in the trespasses and sins** Eph 2:1

as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." "Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known." "There is no fear of God before their eyes." Rom 3:10-18

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Rom 8:7

What is needed is not a **small modification**, but a new birth, and a new life.

- The word "regeneration" in reference to salvation appears only in Titus 3:5.
- The idea of a new birth or being born again is the same concept, and it is found several times (John 3:1-10, Eph 2:5; James 1:18, 1 Pet 1:3, 23).

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:1-10

even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— Eph 2:5

Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. James 1:18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Pet 1:3

since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 1 Pet 1:23

- **Receiving a new spirit or a new heart or being made a new creature** has the same basic meaning (Ezek 36:25-27, 2 Cor 5:17).

- This new birth will lead to a new life, one in which the new nature that has been born will **war** against the old nature until the consummation (Gal 5:17-24).

Regeneration does not mean you're not going to be at war with the flesh, it means you can war with the flesh effectively. Slave to sin - Rom 6.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. (Battle) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Gal 5:16-24

- **Conversion** is a single action of turning from sin in **repentance** and turning to Christ in **faith**.

Non-Christain
SIN

Jesus

"Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" Matt 11:28

REPENTANCE + FAITH
CONVERSION

DIMENSIONS OF SALVATION

- **Faith**
- What is true, genuine saving faith? Heb 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- Is faith necessary for Christian growth? If so, what are we placid faith in (specifically) to see growth?
- Have faith and repentance remained a continuing part of your Christian life? How so? What are your daily patterns in terms of faith and repentance?
- **Faith: the human response to God's grace.** As grace is the most important word with respect to the diving initiative in salvation, faith is the central word for the **human response** (recognizing that even faith itself is also the gift of God; see Eph 2:8, Acts 11:18).

For **by grace** you have been saved **through faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, Eph 2:8

When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."
Acts 11:18

- **The elements of faith.** Because faith is used in a variety of ways, both in Scripture and in contemporary life, it is important to note the elements involved in true biblical faith. The Reformers distinguished three elements in faith:
 - **knowledge** (awareness of and assent to the facts of the gospel),
 - **approval** (joy in an love for the truth),
 - **and trust** (personal confidence).
- We are called to believe in Jesus as **Savior** (John 3:16), **Lord** (Romans 10:9-10), and **Treasure** (John 6:35).

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever **believes** in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

*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. For with the heart one **believes** and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. Rom 10:9-10*

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever **believes** in me shall never thirst. John 6:35*

Come-Believe Hunger-Thirst Need Spiritually

- **The efficacy of faith.** We need to make clear that we do not trust in the power of faith in itself. It is more accurate to say that faith does not save us; **Jesus** does. Faith is simply the designated way to receive the gift Jesus has purchased for us.

The best image I have heard for faith is that of empty hands, open to receive what Christ offers.

The issue is not the intensity for our faith... but the objective finished work of Jesus and our faith being in that. It's not blind faith. The apostles go out of their way to give empirical and rational reasons to recognize this is true. Luke writes as orderly account from eye witnesses so that you can know these things are factual. (*Luke & Acts*) Tangible evidence... archaeology and manuscripts, etc.

The discipline of apologetics exists to say... we have questions. We can't say "Just believe".

- **The other side of faith: repentance.** Repentance is a heartfelt **sorrow** for sin, a **renouncing** of it, and a sincere **commitment** to **forsake** it and walk in **obedience** to Christ.
- Repentance includes:
 - An **intellectual** understanding that sin is wrong.
 - An **emotional** approval of the teachings of Scripture regarding sin - **sorrow** for sin and a **hatred** of it.
 - A personal **decision** to turn from it and obey Christ.
 - Repentance is inseparable from **true faith**. In the Bible, it is often stated as an indispensable **requirement** for salvation (Matt 4:17, Luke 24:47, Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30, 2 Cor 7:8-10; 2 Pet 3:9). In order to trust Christ, one must first cease to trust in **other gods**. (a lot of things)

*For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. As it is, I rejoice, **not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting**. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. 2 Cor 7:8-9*

For godly grief (sorrow) produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 2 Cor 7:10

- Not only is it requisite for salvation, it **continues** to have an important part in the Christians's life, in the ongoing process of **sanctification** (Rev 2:5,16; 3:3,19).

Bible Minor
Theology: Doctrine of Bible and Salvation
Class 05: Ordo Salutis (Part 2)

Class Schedule (90 minutes total)

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Pre-Video Discussion Questions

Review the following from the last class...

1. Regarding *calling*, how do the Gospel and the Holy Spirit work together? (see John 16:8-11)
2. What does it mean to be regenerated?
3. Describe the two sides of conversion – faith and repentance.
4. What is the difference between justification and sanctification?

Post-Video Discussion Questions

1. What is the genuine mark of a believer? Explain this from Romans 1:16-17.
2. Read Romans 5:1. Explain the act of imputation; in other words, what does it mean that righteousness is imputed to us?
3. Read Romans 8:14-17. When Paul discusses becoming the *sons of God*, how does this adoption into His family change our relationship with God?
4. Regarding sanctification, what is our relationship to the *penalty of sin* and the *power of sin*? What are the practical implications of being free in these two areas?

THEOLOGY II: Doctrine of Bible and Salvation

Session 5 - Ordo Salutis 2- Dr. Jeremy Kimble

Gospel

Union with Christ

Order of Salvation... Foreknowledge... Predestination/Election...

Calling... Gospel & Spirit intersect in our hearts in a saving way.

Regeneration... We're dead. We need new life.

Conversion - Faith and Repentance...

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son Col 1:13

Justification... You're guilty and need **declared not guilty**. Innocent.
It's a legal act, a forensic rendering, we stand righteous.
before God due to our union with Christ.

Sanctification... not the same thing as justification. Set apart.

Perseverance... Are we secure in our salvation?

Glorification... No more sin, resurrected bodies - our hope

The Pharisee (self-sufficiency) and the Tax Collector (I recognize my sin)

Jesus also told this parable to some who were confident that they were righteous and looked down on everyone else. "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself like this: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: extortionists, unrighteous people, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.' The tax collector, however, stood far off and would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, be merciful to me, sinner that I am!' I tell you that this man went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:9-14

And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness. (Abraham) Rom 4:5

Protestant

Justified by faith alone

A point in time

Turned from darkness

To Jesus

To declare just. Act of God.

Roman Catholic Church RCC

Justified by faith and works

(sacraments) Ongoing

Merging with sanctification

- The genuine mark of a believer... Are you believing in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins??? Present tense.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it (the gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Rom 1:16-17

"I did not love — no, rather I hated — the just God who punishes sinners." But then Luther realized Paul was describing righteousness as a gift God gives, which we receive by faith.

"Night and day I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement that 'the just shall live by his faith.' Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise."

– *Martin Luther*
Reformation

- Righteousness is **imputed** to us: Put something on someone's account. God puts righteousness on the account of our lives.

*Therefore, since we have been **justified by faith**, we have **peace with God** (objective - whether we feel it or not but because of that... we should feel peace (subjective) **through our Lord Jesus Christ**. Rom 5:1*

- **Adoption:** You're an orphan and you're brought into this family of God by grace.

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are **sons of God**. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and **fellow heirs with Christ**, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. Rom 8:14-17*

- **Sanctification:** The process (and also a declaration) in which God makes that declaration of justification an experiential reality. Justification says you are free from the **penalty of sin**. Sanctification says we're delivered from the **power of sin**. Ongoingly. A continual process with ups and downs but an overall upward trajectory.

Cedarville Doctrinal Statement

We believe that every believer should walk by the Spirit and engage in practices that stimulate spiritual maturity. Christians grow as they worship and serve the Lord, study Scriptures, pray and live in fellowship with other believers. Christians are also to flee evil influences and practices that hinder a Spirit-filled life....

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? (Nothing. We shouldn't have that) What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing: then I will welcome you and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor 6:14-18

*Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.
2 Cor 7:1*

- **Set apart:** Israel, a holy nation, was set apart to live in this way, purely amongst all nations so they will know who Yahwah is and turn to Yahwah in worship. Is my life set apart in a way that would make me distinct from the world? It's a growing process by the means God has given us... the Bible, prayer, God's community - your local church.
- **The Holy Spirit is holy** and has one job which is to make us holy.

*but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "**You shall be holy, for I am holy.**" 2 Pet 1:15-16*

Bible Minor
Theology: Doctrine of Bible and Salvation
Class 06: Ordo Salutis (Part 3)

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Pre-Video Discussion Questions

Review the following from the last class...

1. We've repeated this question or discussion in many of the classes so it's worth repeating here.
Describe the differences between justification and sanctification.
2. What happens if we get justification and sanctification confused? In other words, since these two things are incredibly distinct but related, if sanctification is interchanged with justification, what do we compromise?
3. Have each person describe one thing they have learned from this class.

Post-Video Discussion Questions

1. What is positional sanctification? (see 1 Corinthians 1:2-3; Ephesians 1:1; Galatians 6:14) Along with this, discuss how position before Christ is not affected by behavior.
2. Read Galatians 5:16-26. What is progressive sanctification?
3. Discuss with your group the hindrances to growth and becoming more like Jesus.
4. How can we have assurance of our salvation?
5. What are some ways/disciplines that help us become sanctified?

THEOLOGY II: Doctrine of Bible and Salvation

Session 6 - Ordo Salutis 3 - Dr. Jeremy Kimble

DIMENSIONS OF SALVATION

Sanctification. To differentiate, justification is the work of Christ **for** us; sanctification is the work of Christ **in** us.

Justification is the act in which God declares us just.

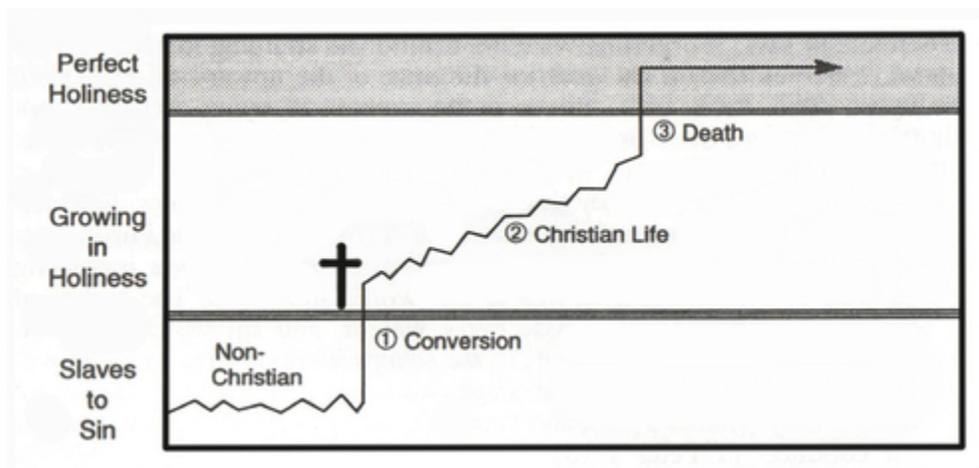
Sanctification is the process in which God makes that declaration an experiential reality.

Justification liberates us from the **penalty** of sin.

Sanctification liberates us from the **power** of sin.

The most important distinction is the Simplest: justification is an **act**, accomplished once and for all, that gives a foundation of assurance to the Christian life.

Sanctification is a **continual process**, with ups and downs (but an overall upward trend), and progresses at different speeds. Upward trajectory.



Wayne Grudem

*And we all, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from **one degree of glory to another**. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Cor 3:18*

DIMENSIONS OF SALVATION

- **Positional Sanctification.** Holiness or sanctification is something that can be **predicted** of all believers simply because they are believers (cf. Eph 1:1). At the moment of conversion, when they are set apart from worldly pursuits, and set apart for God's purposes (Gal 6:14).

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those **sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints** (holy ones - position regardless of your behavior) together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor 1:2-3

- **Progressive Sanctification.** This relates to moral purity. In this sense, sanctification is seen as the **process of growth in holiness** that continues throughout the Christian life. We are called to **become who we are** (Rom 6:1-12).

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and **the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other**, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident... I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Gal 5:16-26*

*Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that **you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do**, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, (1) **to put off (kill) your old self**, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to (2) **be renewed in the spirit of your minds**, (truth - Bible) and to (3) **put on the new self**, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Eph 4:17-52

- **Hindrances to sanctification.** Since the human role in sanctification centers on faith, anything that sparks unbelief will hinder sanctification.
 - Unfortunately, the world, the flesh and the devil are organized in opposition to us (Eph 2:2-3). They seek to utilize events to tempt us to unbelief. We must kill sin and persevere in our faith.
 - What are the areas in life that are hindering your sanctification?

Class discussion:

What are hindrances we have to growth and becoming more and more like Jesus?

Unbelief - every sin we commit is rooted here. We go elsewhere for identity/satisfaction.

The world, the flesh and the devil are opposed to you.

Desires are out of alignment - desire to sin is greater than my desire to please God.

Bad company corrupting you in your pursuits

Pride - I'm fine. I've got this

Weights that incumber us - entertainment/friendship choices, the way we do things or don't do things that just aren't helping us. (Heb 12)

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. 1 John 2:15-17
(Gal 5, Eph 6... this is war)

- **Perseverance in the faith. True Christians persevere**

*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling, **for it is God who works in you**, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Phil 2:12-13*

*And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, **if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. Col 1:21-23** *True saving faith is a persevering faith.*

- There are two problems in this area. The first is how to reconcile verses like Rom 8:29-30, John 10:27-29 and others that emphasize and teach the **security** of the believer with passages like Heb 6:4-6, 10:27-29 and others which warn of the dire **consequences** of falling away, and look, at least at first sight, to teach that believers can indeed fall away.

For those whom he **foreknew** he also **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 **called**, and those whom he called he also **justified**, and those whom he justified he also **glorified**. Rom 8:29-30

Golden chain of salvation: If you're foreknown & predestined... you're glorified.

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will **never perish**, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and **no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand**.* John 10:27-29

- The second problem is for those who do hold to perseverance. It is how to account for persons we know, who undeniably appeared to have been saved, who have fallen away from Christ. How do we resolve these problems?

*For it is impossible, in the case of those **who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, (sounds like salvation language) and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.** (In the church, in the faith and commits apostasy - denies the faith, no longer receive Jesus as Savior)*

For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned. Heb 6:4-8

- **DIMENSIONS OF SALVATION**

- **The Arminian position** - A genuine believer could lose (walk away from, apostatize) their salvation. Human responsibility not God's sovereignty.

There are categories of people that think they're "in", but they're not.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' Matt 7:21-23

Consider... as an argument against this position... The Parable of the Sower

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along **(1)the path, and the birds came and devoured them.** 5 Other seeds fell on **(2)rocky ground**, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6 but when the sun rose **they were scorched.** And since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among **(3)thorns**, and the thorns grew up and **choked them.** 8 Other seeds fell on **(4)good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty....**

The Parable of the Sower Explained

... **(1) the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.** This is what was sown along the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he **(2)has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.** 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who **(3) hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.**

*Not an example of a genuine Christian
but non-believers who if even for a time...look the part.

23 As for what was sown on good soil, **(4) this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."** Matt 13:1-23

Look at Heb 6 and compare it with Heb 13. This same language is used to say...
These are people that are in the church.

...in the case of those **who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit,** (sounds like salvation language) and have **tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come...** For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. **But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.**

Believers produce a useful crop
compared with the thorns/thistles of a non-believer.

These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved. (Jude) For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. (sounds like saved & loses

it...?) *For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow (pig), after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."* 2 Peter 2:17-22

False teachers hearing the truth, even looking like they responded well in the church, but at some point demonstrated that they haven't. They show who they truly are. The "pig" never becomes... not a pig. At one point it's a "clean pig" but then goes back to the mud.

*Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. They (false teachers) went out from us, but **they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.*** 1 John 2:18-19

- **The Hypothetical position -**

Heb 6 & 10 are hypothetical descriptions of what would happen if a Christian would fall away. It's meant to be an encouragement... that's not you! You're persevering!

- **The Reformed position**

Those who turn away (renounce) from the faith demonstrate that they were never really saved.

- **The Means of Perseverance Position**

God put them in the Bible as a means for us to be warned and persevere in the faith

So how do we know?

A disciple recognizes the Messiah and responds in humility, dependence and faith, and from that comes forth fruit... in opposition to someone saying, "I'm good"!

Don't be self sufficient. The ground of our salvation is not us but Christ.

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

*He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' **But the tax collector**, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, '**God, be merciful to me, a sinner!**' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."* Matt 13:1-23

DIMENSIONS OF SALVATION

- Glorification. This is the final, complete **transformation** of our total being, the end of the process of salvation. At death, the non material aspect of human nature (soul or spirit) is glorified in terms of moral **perfection** as the completion of sanctification (Phil 1:6) and the end of the sinful nature. This happens as we see Christ and are made like him (I John 3:2, Heb 12:23).
- At the return of Christ, we will receive a **resurrected** or transformed body, like that of Jesus (I Cor 15:52, Phil 3:21). This is the second stage of glorification, which the redeemed are still awaiting in heaven, as they exist now in the **intermediate** state. This will be the end of the order of salvation outlined in Rom 8:29-30.

GOD IS THE GOSPEL (John Piper)

- The gospel of Jesus is the means of seeing and savoring the Savior himself. Forgiveness is good because it opens the way to enjoying God himself. Justification is good because it wins access to the presence and pleasure of God himself. Eternal life is good because it becomes the everlasting enjoyment of Jesus.

For Christ also suffered once for sins (died), the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

1 Pet 3:18

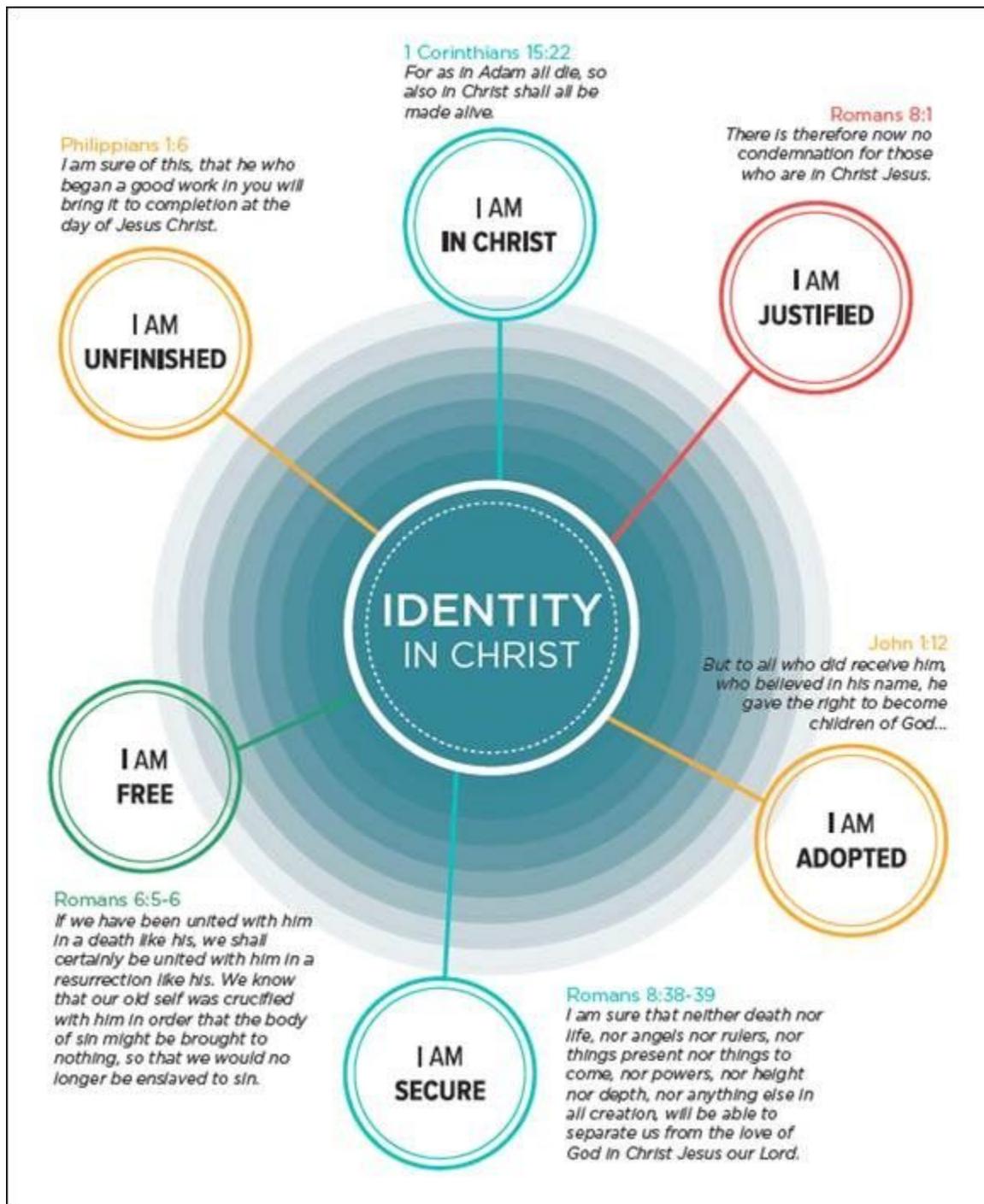
- All God's good gifts (forgiveness, adoption, justification...) in the gospel are loving to the degree that they lead us to God himself. This is the love of God: doing everything necessary, most painfully in the death of his Son, to enthrall us with what is most deeply and durably satisfying - namely, **himself**.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- A clear understanding of the gospel and conversion (John 6:35). We must be sure that we are believing and proclaiming a robust and true gospel according to Scripture.
- **How do you share the gospel with people?**
God is holy, you're sinful, Christ can redeem... Here's how you can be saved.
Apps: Life on Mission The Story
- **How can we have assurance of our salvation?**
 - A present posture of faith and repentance - conviction over your sin.
 - Evidence of fruit
 - Perseverance in the faith
 - Love for God and others.

- **Means of grace in sanctification**

- Bible Study, Prayer, Silence and solitude, Fasting, Journaling, Community, Worship, Evangelism. Christian Biography
- Persevere in your faith through a crucial means, namely, the church (Heb 3:12-13; 10:23-25). Get involved, plugged in, and accountable to some group of people that has full disclosure on your life.



— Roman Road to Salvation —

The ROMANS ROAD...is a pathway you can walk. It is a group of Bible verses from the book of Romans in the New Testament. If you walk down this road you will end up understanding how to be saved.

Admit That You Are A Sinner.

Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:12, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Sin Has An Ending... It Results In Death.

Romans 6:23a, For the wages of sin is death...

We all owe this wage of spiritual death described in *Revelation 20:14*. You need to be born again!

Realize that God Loves You!

Romans 5:8, But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

When Jesus died on the cross He paid sin's penalty.

Salvation is a free gift from God to you!

Romans 6:23b, ...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You can't earn this gift, but you must reach out and receive it.

You must ask God to forgive you and save you.

Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Like any gift it must be received!

Romans 10:13, For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Call out to God in the name of Jesus!

If you know that God is knocking on your heart's door, ask Him to come into your heart. Believe in Him. Ask Him to come in to your heart by faith, and ask Him to reveal Himself to you.

You need to look for a local church where God's word is preached. The Bible says that we are to desire God's word like a newborn baby desires mother's milk. Aren't you hungry to know the truth?