
WHAT HE'S DOING:

Let's take a look at a brief overview on what God is doing now, in you, and in everyone He has purchased with His Blood. In this section we will break down the process of how God saves us, or redeems us. We call it the redemption journey, or 'Ordo solutus' (order of salvation). Where are you on this journey? Of these subjects, we need to notice the 'Monergistic' works (the work of God alone) and we need to notice the 'Synergistic' works (the work of God and man together).

MYSTERY/ELECTION : You were not in control of your physical birth. An adopted child is not in control of choosing their parents. We arrogantly think we are in control of our spiritual birth, and even all

that we do during our lifetimes. We can't tear the pages out of our Bible that speak of the mysteries or sovereignty of God just because our human minds are unable to fathom His ways. When the Scriptures don't carry an authority over us, we tend to pick and choose to believe what we think makes sense. The concept of election is scattered all over the Scriptures. And the concept doesn't always sit well in the heart of the person who loves to be 'the captain of their own ship, the master of their own soul'. On the mystery of election, we find that His ways and His thoughts are higher than ours, and sometimes a bit too high for our minds to grasp. A growing trust and faith is essential to see His judgements as perfect, His justice as righteous, His wrath as holy. His love as undeserving.

CALLING : When God personally and powerfully calls you, you listen! When He woo's, you are drawn! God has His ways of causing your heart to turn towards Him.

The Spirit of God is well able to 'witness' and connect with your spirit to the point where you recognise Him as your Father and responsively cry out in worship. His creation has a voice that calls all towards the Creator. His Scriptures has a voice that calls all towards The Word. His Spirit has a voice that calls all towards His Kingdom. The general call of the Gospel has a voice that rings out to the whole world, and His personal call has a voice that turns your heart to respond to that general call.

REGENERATION : This is a monergistic work (a work of God alone). This is a miraculous work. This is a powerful work. Man is unable to accomplish this work. It is a work by the Spirit of God. It is a work done in the very spirit of a person. It is a turning of the heart. A person will know if this work has been done inside of them, as there will be a natural reconciliation with God and a natural response of worship to God.

This is an eternal work, not a temporary work, and has no need to be redone. Because this work was not done by you, it is a work that cannot be undone by you. This is really good news! Eyes are opened and hearts are awakened. This is such good news!

CONVERSION : This is a synergistic work (a work of God and man). When the Spirit of God resurrects you from being dead to Him, and makes you a new creation in regeneration. You want to respond ongoingly! You trust! You believe with a faith you didn't have before. You want to tell others of this awakening. You want to repent of your rebellion towards God. You want to acknowledge Him as Creator and Saviour. You want run to front at the altar call and say that sinners prayer. You desire to walk with Him, obey Him, and surrender your life to Him. You want to relate with Him in baptism, the work that He did for you, His death, His burial, and His resurrection.

You want to put disciplines and devotions in place throughout your life that will grow faith and trust and surrender and dependence and obedience and worship.

JUSTIFICATION : This is a monergistic work (a work of God alone). It is the 'great exchange'. His righteousness is miraculously placed inside of you, and your sin is miraculously placed on Christ and the Cross. This is a powerful and invisible work of God, because it removes all your sin, past, present, and future. This work of God removes all guilt and condemnation as you are now righteous in His eyes. His Son and His righteousness has been imputed into you. This is such good news!

ADOPTION : This is a monergistic work (a work of God alone). If a parent adopts a child, they can't take them back to the orphanage when the child misbehaves. Adoption is irreversible. Adoption brings

identity and security to a child, and so much more. You are also adopted by a perfect Father. With a perfect Father, your assurance of being in the family and of being loved is eternally secure. Even if you live in the pigsty as a 'prodigal', you remain a son or daughter of a loving, perfect Father. This is such good news!

SANCTIFICATION : This is a synergistic work (a work of God and man). There is an amazing Grace that saves you (mystery, call, regeneration, justification, adoption). But that Grace doesn't leave you as you are. His Grace also trains you, and teaches you. Grace trains and teaches you to say 'no' to ungodliness and worldly passions, to live self-controlled, upright, Godly lives, in this present age. The adopted son and daughter puts devotions and disciplines in place as a responsive gratefulness of the Grace that eternally regenerates, justifies and adopts them.

This is a responsive work that man does on their journey with God, as they 'work out' their salvation.

PERSEVERANCE : This is a synergistic work (a work of God and man). God works in your heart, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Your influenced choices and your influenced work ethic, is enthused by the presence of God in your life. Your wilful work, influenced by the Spirit of God, keeps you on the narrow road. Even though we wonder off the path here and there (because we are prone to wonder), He remains faithful even when we are not, and He will finish the work that He has started in us. This is such good news!

DEATH : This is a synergistic work (a work of God and man). Even our death is to be considered one of the final aspects of our salvation and redemption. We look forward because there is a resurrection coming. Our spirit is groaning for His return.

We are keen to be with Christ even though it's His will we are here for a while. There is so much inheritance to look forward to. What a celebration to be near the end of our redemption journey. We look forward to what is to come. No more tears, no more pain, no more suffering. This body is perishing, dishonouring, temporary, weak, earthly, mortal and natural. Death has no victory or sting because of the gracious work of God.

GLORIFICATION : This is a monergistic work (a work of God alone). The final work of God in our redemption process is when He gives us our new bodies. That which is perishing will put on that which is imperishable. The mortal puts on immortality. The natural puts on spiritual. The earthly puts on heavenly. The temporary puts on eternal. Such a glorious moment to look forward to. There is no victory for death. There is no sting.