

SOTERIOLOGY:
The Doctrine of Salvation
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- I. God the Son - The Accomplisher
 - A. The Son made salvation possible by fulfilling all requirements
 1. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins - Heb. 9:20-22
 2. The Son willingly gave himself for our sins, according to the desirous will of the Father -Gal. 1:4; Heb. 10:8-10; Phil. 2:5-8
 - a) The Scriptures foretold Christ's death for sins - 1 Co. 15:3
 - b) The Son took on flesh so that He could graciously experience death that all creation might be redeemed - Heb. 2:9
 - c) The Father laid on Christ all of mankind's iniquities - Isa. 53:3-6
 - d) The Father made, or constituted, the Son to be sin for us - 2 Co. 5:14, 15, 21
 - e) Christ died for all, even while we were still sinners - Ro. 5:8
 3. The Son provided complete Redemption from sin
 - a) Redemption: *apolytroxis* - "liberation procured by the payment of a ransom" - O.B.U.
 - b) Christ's shed blood has provided redemption - Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14
 - c) God has declared the believer righteous without any kind of reservation - Ro. 3:24
 4. The Son serves as our Justification - Ro. 3:24
 - a) Justification: *dikaiosis* - "the act of God's declaring men free from guilt and acceptable to him..." - Thayer
 - b) Christ is the grounds or the basis for the believer being declared Righteousness
 - c) The Son was raised out from among dead ones for our justification - Ro. 4:25; 6:4; 1Co. 15:4
 5. The Son serves as the Propitiation for mankind
 - a) Propitiation: *hilasterion* - "relating to an appeasing or expiating, having placating or expiating force, expiatory; a means of appeasing or expiating..." - O.B.U.
 - b) Christ serves as the propitiation for all mankind - 1 Jo. 2:2
 - c) God's propitiation the result of His love - 1 Jo. 4:10
 6. The Son's provision for Present Tense Salvation - Jo. 14:20
 - a) The believer's Position is in Christ - Col. 2:9, 10
 - b) Eternal Life is the result of being indwelt by Christ - 1 Jo. 5:11-13
 7. The Son's role in Future Tense Salvation
 - a) The Son has delivered us from the wrath to come - Ro. 5:9
 - b) The Son will save us into His kingdom - 2 Ti. 4:18
 - c) The Son will save us to the end - Heb. 7:25

II. God the Holy Spirit: The Applier

- A. The Holy Spirit convices the lost world of sin, righteousness, and judgment - Jo. 16:8-10
 1. Reprove: *elegcho* - "to convict, refute, confute; by conviction to bring to light, to expose" - Thayer
 2. Sin - refusal to believe in Christ; Righteousness - not good like God is good; Judgment - deserving of judgment
 3. Why must the Holy Spirit convince the world?
 - a) The lost are blind to the gospel - 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
 - b) Their minds are useless regarding spiritual truths - Ephesians 4:17-18
 - c) The gospel is God's power with reference to salvation - Romans 1:16
- B. The Holy Spirit applies salvation and its benefits to the one believing the Gospel
 1. The Spirit regenerates the believer at the moment of salvation - Tit. 3:5
 - a) Regeneration: *palingenesia* - "again" + "birth"; "stresses the communication of spiritual life in contrast to antecedent spiritual death" - Vine's
 - b) Renewing: *anakainosis* - "a renewal, renovation, complete change for the better" - O.B.U.
 - c) The Spirit provides the one believing the Gospel with a brand new spiritual life (new spiritual DNA) which is a complete change from their previous condition
 2. The Spirit baptizes the believer into Christ - 1 Co. 12:13; Gal. 3:27
 - a) Baptized: *baptizo* - "to immerse, submerge; to make whelmed" - Strong's
 - b) The Spirit baptizes, or immerses, the believer, into the Body of Christ at initial salvation
 - c) This is a one-time, spiritual event, that does not involve any water
 - d) All believers, regardless of religious background, social status, gender, etc. are all placed as equal members in the one Body
 - e) It is because the believer is "in Christ" that they are recipients of the privileges of salvation
 3. The Spirit seals the believer in Christ - Eph. 1:13; 4:30
 - a) Sealed: *sphragizo* - "to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation"
 - b) Our position in Christ is sealed. Therefore, we can never be moved away from our position in Him.
 - (1) Believers are Christ's inheritance - v. 11
 - (2) Since we are sealed we'll become what we are in Christ, an inheritance
 - (3) The Spirit sealed us in Christ until the day we are completely redeemed at the Rapture - Ephesians 4:30
- C. The Holy Spirit enables the believer to live according to God's desirous will in Present Tense salvation
 1. The Spirit indwells every believer - Jo. 14:16, 17; 1 Co. 3:16; 6:19
 2. The Spirit provides each believer with a spiritual gift - 1 Co. 12:4
 - a) The Spirit applies the exact right gift that God had determined for them
 - b) The Spirit gives gifts for the benefit of the entire Body of Christ
 3. The Spirit fills the believer - Eph. 5:18
 - a) Filled: *pleroo* - "to make full, to fill, to fill up" with the idea of filling up that which is lacking
 - b) The Spirit adjusts or makes up for our deficiencies

4. The Spirit illuminates the believer to biblical truth - Eph. 1:18; Jo. 16:13
 5. The Spirit produces fruit - Gal. 5:22, 23
 - a) As the believer walks in the Spirit, the Spirit produces the character of Christ in their life
 - b) Essentially, the Spirit produces Christ's attitudes which have a positive affect on the believer and others as well
 6. The Spirit fights against the flesh on behalf of the believer - Gal. 5:16, 17
 - a) The believer has been promised that if they walk in the Spirit, they will never bring to completion the lusts of the flesh
 7. The Spirit leads believers to their life in Christ - Gal. 5:18
 - a) The Spirit will never lead the believer to living by Law
 8. The Spirit conforms the believer into the image of Christ - 2 Co. 3:18
 - a) Changed: *metamorphoo* - "to change into another form" - Vine's; a complete alteration
 - b) The Spirit is not making a better version of our previous selves but rather something completely new in Christ
 9. The Spirit is put to grief by the sinning believer- Eph. 4:30
 - a) Grieve: *lypeo* - "to make sorry; to make one uneasy" - O.B.U.
 - b) It is possible for a believer to make the Spirit within uneasy
 10. The Spirit can be quenched by the one resisting God's will - 1 Th. 5:19
- D. The Holy Spirit's role in Future Tense salvation
1. The Spirit seals believers unto the day of Redemption - Eph. 1:13; 4:30
 2. The Spirit is the down payment for the believer's future salvation - Eph. 1:14; 1 Cor. 1:22; 5:5