

1. **Question #1 (predestination) and 4 (lose salvation) - Order of Salvation**

1. Predestination/Election - Call - Regeneration - Conversion - Justification - Adoption - Sanctification - Perseverance - Glory

2. **Predestination - you have to believe in it if you're a Christian. Why? Because it's in the Bible.**

1. Dt 7:6 - For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. He has **chosen** you to be his people, prized above all others on the face of the earth.

2. Dt 14:1-2 - You are children of the Lord your God. Do not cut yourselves or shave your forehead bald for the sake of the dead. 2 For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. He has **chosen** you to be his people, prized above all others on the face of the earth.

3. Jn 13:18 - "What I am saying does not refer to all of you. I know the ones I have **chosen**. But this is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who eats my bread has turned against me.'

4. Jn 15:12-17- My commandment is this – to love one another just as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this – that one lays down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I no longer call you slaves, because the slave does not understand what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because I have revealed to you everything I heard from my Father. 16 You did not **choose** me, but I **chose** you and **appointed** you to go and bear fruit,

fruit that remains, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. 17 This I command you – to love one another.

5. Romans 8:28-30 -And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose, 29 because those whom he foreknew he also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he **predestined**, he also called; and those he called, he also justified; and those he justified, he also glorified.

6. These next verses give us part of the answer to “why would God create some who are destined to Hell” question. But this question isn’t just for those who believe in predestination. If God knows everything, he knows who will and who will not choose him. So why would God create someone who he knows won’t ever choose him under their own free will?” The question is an equal opportunity offender no matter your position on predestination and free will. — Romans 9:6-29 - It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all those who are descended from Israel are truly Israel, 7 nor are all the children Abraham’s true descendants; rather “through Isaac will your descendants be counted.” 8 This means it is not the **children of the flesh** who are the children of God; rather, the **children of promise** are counted as descendants. 9 For this is what the promise declared: “About a year from now I will return and Sarah will have a son.” 10 Not only that, but when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our ancestor Isaac – 11 **even before they were born or had done anything good or bad (so that God’s purpose in election would stand, not by works but by his calling)** – 12 it was said to her,

“The older will serve the younger,” 13 just as it is written: **“Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”** 14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice with God? Absolutely not! 15 For he says to Moses: **“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”** 16 So then, **it does not depend on human desire or exertion, but on God who shows mercy.** 17 For the scripture says to Pharaoh: **“For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may demonstrate my power in you, and that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.”** 18 So then, God has mercy on whom **he chooses** to have mercy, and he hardens whom **he chooses** to harden. 19 You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who has ever resisted his will?” 20 **But who indeed are you – a mere human being – to talk back to God? Does what is molded say to the molder, “Why have you made me like this?”** 21 Has the potter no right to make from the same lump of clay one vessel for special use and another for ordinary use? 22 **But what if God, willing to demonstrate his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the objects of wrath prepared for destruction?** 23 And what if he is willing to make known the wealth of his glory on the objects of mercy that he has prepared beforehand for glory – 24 even us, whom he has called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? 25 As he also says in Hosea: “I will call those who were not my people, ‘My people,’ and I will call her who was unloved, ‘My beloved.’” 26 “And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’” 27 And Isaiah cries out on behalf of Israel, **“Though the number of the children of Israel are as the sand of the sea, only the remnant will be saved,** 28 for the Lord will execute his sentence on the earth completely and

quickly.” 29 Just as Isaiah predicted, “**If the Lord of armies had not left us descendants**, we would have become like Sodom, and we would have resembled Gomorrah.”

1. NLT v16 - So it is **God who decides** to show mercy. **We can neither choose it nor work for it.**
2. ESV v16 - So then it depends **not on human will** or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.
7. Exodus 4:21-23 - The Lord said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the wonders I have put under your control. But **I will harden his heart** and he will not let the people go. 22 You must say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Israel is my son, my firstborn, 23 and I said to you, ‘Let my son go that he may serve me,’ but since **you have refused to let him go**, I will surely kill your son, your firstborn!’””
8. Ex 7:3-4, 13-16 - But **I will harden Pharaoh’s heart**, and although I will multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt, 4 **Pharaoh will not listen to you**. I will reach into Egypt and bring out my regiments, my people the Israelites, from the land of Egypt with great acts of judgment...13 Yet **Pharaoh’s heart became hard, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had predicted**. 14 The Lord said to Moses, “**Pharaoh’s heart is hard; he refuses to release the people**. 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning when he goes out to the water. Position yourself to meet him by the edge of the Nile, and take in your hand the staff that was turned into a snake. 16 Tell him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you to say, “Release my people, that they may serve me in the

desert!” But until now you have not listened.

9. Ex 8:15, 32 - But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, **he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, just as the Lord had predicted...**32 But **Pharaoh hardened his heart** this time also and did not release the people.

10. Ex 9:12, 34-35 - But the **Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had predicted to Moses...**34 When Pharaoh saw that the rain and hail and thunder ceased, **he sinned again: both he and his servants hardened their hearts.** 35 So Pharaoh’s heart remained hard, and he did not release the Israelites, as the Lord had predicted through Moses.

11. Ex 10:1-2, 16-20 - The Lord said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, for **I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, in order to display these signs of mine before him,** 2 and in order that in the hearing of your son and your grandson you may tell how I made fools of the Egyptians and about my signs that I displayed among them, so that you may know that I am the Lord.”...16 Then Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “**I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you!** 17 So now, forgive my sin this time only, and pray to the Lord your God that he would only take this death away from me.” 18 Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed to the Lord, 19 and the Lord turned a very strong west wind, and it picked up the locusts and blew them into the Red Sea. Not one locust remained in all the territory of Egypt. 20 But **the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart,** and he did not release the Israelites.

12. Ex 14:4-8a - **I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after them. I will gain honor because of Pharaoh** and because of all his army, and **the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.**" So this is what they did. 5 When it was reported to the king of Egypt that the people had fled, **the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people,** and the king and his servants said, "What in the world have we done? For we have released the people of Israel from serving us!" 6 Then he prepared his chariots and took his army with him. 7 He took six hundred select chariots, and all the rest of the chariots of Egypt, and officers on all of them. 8 But **the Lord hardened the heart** of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he chased after the Israelites.
13. 1 Cor 1:26-31 - Think about the circumstances of your call, brothers and sisters. Not many were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were born to a privileged position. 27 But **God chose** what the world thinks foolish to shame the wise, and **God chose** what the world thinks weak to shame the strong. 28 **God chose** what is low and despised in the world, what is regarded as nothing, to set aside what is regarded as something, 29 so that no one can boast in his presence. 30 **He is the reason you have a relationship with Christ Jesus,** who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."
14. Eph 1:3-14 - Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ. 4 **For he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world** that we may be holy and unblemished in his sight in love. 5 **He did this by predestining**

us to adoption as his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the **pleasure of his will** – 6 to the praise of the glory of his grace that he has freely bestowed on us in his dearly loved Son. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. 9 He did this when he revealed to us the secret of **his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,** 10 toward the administration of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ – the things in heaven and the things on earth. 11 In Christ **we too have been claimed as God’s own possession,** since we were **predestined according to the one purpose of him** who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of **his will** 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, would be to the praise of his glory. 13 And when you heard the word of truth (the gospel of your salvation) – **when you believed** in Christ – you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the **down payment** of our inheritance, until the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of his glory.

15. 1 Peter 2:8-9 - And, “He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and **so they meet the fate that was planned for them.** 9 But you are not like that, for you are **a chosen people.** You are royal priests, a holy nation, **God’s very own possession.** As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for **he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.**

1. ESV - v8 They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were **destined** to do.
16. 2 Tim 1:9 - **He (God) is the one who saved us and called us** with a holy calling, not based on our works but on **his own purpose** and grace, granted to us in Christ Jesus **before time began**
17. What about?
1. 1 Tim 2:4 - God our Savior, 4 who **desires** all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
 2. 2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not **wishing** that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
 3. We'll talk about God's desires vs his perfect will later on.
 4. "All" is a somewhat confusing word in the New Testament. Sometimes it means "every single thing, person, etc..." and sometimes it doesn't. Revelation 19 going into Revelation 20. "Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, 18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of **all** men, both free and slave, both small and great." 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his

army. 20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. 21 And the **rest were slain** by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and **all the birds were gorged with their flesh.**" (Rev 19:17-21) So who are the people in Rev 20 alive during the millennium?

5. This is why we must let Scripture interpret Scripture. Never take one verse to be the filter for everything else in Scripture. But see — overall — what is Scripture teaching.
6. 2 Peter 3:9 - "**wishing** that any should perish." Jesus says, in Matthew 11:27, "All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one **knows** the Son except the Father, and no one **knows** the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son **chooses** to reveal him." In the Greek, "chooses" is the same word translated in 2 Peter 3:9 as "wish." So even though God does not "wish" for any to perish, the Son "chooses" (same Greek word) to reveal the Father only to some. Kind of makes your head spin!

3. Election - corporate vs individual

1. Corporate - God chooses a nation or family line. But not the individuals in the nation or family.
2. Individual - God chooses individuals. But not necessarily the entire family line or every person in the nation.
3. Abraham - Genesis 12:1-3 - Now the Lord said to **Abram**, “Go out from your country, your relatives, and your father’s household to the land that I will show **you**. 2 Then I will make **you** into a great **nation**, and I will bless **you**, and I will make **your** name great, so that **you** will exemplify divine blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, but the one who treats you lightly I must curse, and all the families of the earth will bless one another by your name.”
4. Gen 25:21-23 - Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. 22 But the children struggled inside her, and she said, “If it is going to be like this, I’m not so sure I want to be pregnant!” So she asked the Lord, 23 and the Lord said to her, “Two **nations** are in your womb, and two **peoples** will be separated from within you. One **people** will be stronger than the other, and the **older** will serve the **younger**.”
5. Dt 4:37-38 - Moreover, because he loved your **ancestors**, he chose their **descendants** who followed them and personally brought you out of Egypt with his great power 38 to dispossess **nations** greater and stronger than you and brought you here this day to give you their land as your property.

6. Dt 10:14-15 - The heavens – indeed the highest heavens – belong to the Lord your God, as does the earth and everything in it. 15 However, only to your **ancestors** did he show **his loving favor**, and he **chose you**, their **descendants**, from all **peoples** – as is apparent today.
7. Dt 18:1-5 - The Levitical priests – indeed, the entire tribe of Levi – will have no allotment or inheritance with Israel; they may eat the burnt offerings of the Lord and of his inheritance. 2 They will have no inheritance in the midst of their fellow Israelites; the Lord alone is their inheritance, just as he had told them. 3 This shall be the priests’ fair allotment from the people who offer sacrifices, whether bull or sheep – they must give to the priest the shoulder, the jowls, and the stomach. 4 You must give them the best of your grain, new wine, and olive oil, as well as the best of your wool when you shear your flocks. 5 For **the Lord your God has chosen them and their sons** from all your tribes to stand and serve in his name permanently.
8. Dt 21:5 - Then the Levitical priests will approach (**for the Lord your God has chosen them** to serve him and to pronounce blessings in his name, and to decide every judicial verdict)
9. 1 Kings 3:7-8 - Now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in my father David’s place, even though I am only a young man and am inexperienced. 8 Your servant stands among your **chosen people**; they are a great **nation** that is too numerous to count or number.
10. 1 Sam 16:6-13 - When they arrived, Samuel noticed Eliab and said to himself, “Surely, here before the Lord stands his chosen king!” 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t be impressed by

his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. **God does not view things the way men do. People look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**" 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and presented him to Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not **chosen** this one, either." 9 Then Jesse presented Shammah. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not **chosen** this one either." 10 Jesse presented seven of his sons to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not **chosen** any of these." 11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Is that all of the young men?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest one, but he's taking care of the flock." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we cannot turn our attention to other things until he comes here." 12 So Jesse had him brought in. Now he was ruddy, with attractive eyes and a handsome appearance. The Lord said, "**Go and anoint him. This is the one!**" 13 So Samuel took the horn full of olive oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The **Spirit of the Lord** rushed upon David from that day onward. Then Samuel got up and went to Ramah.

11. Jer 1:4-5 - The Lord said to me, 5 "**Before I formed you in your mother's womb I chose you. Before you were born I set you apart. I appointed you to be a prophet** to the nations."
12. Isaiah 42:1 - "Here is my **servant** whom I support, **my chosen one** in whom I take pleasure. **I have placed my spirit on him;** he will make just decrees for the nations.
13. Isaiah 49:1-5 - Listen to me, you coastlands! Pay attention, you people who live far away! **The Lord summoned me from birth; he commissioned me when my mother brought me**

into the world. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword, he hid me in the hollow of his hand; he made me like a sharpened arrow, he hid me in his quiver. 3 He said to me, “**You are my servant, Israel,** through whom I will reveal my splendor.” 4 But I thought, “I have worked in vain; I have expended my energy for absolutely nothing.” But the Lord will vindicate me; my God will reward me. 5 So now the Lord says, the one who formed me from birth to be his servant – he did this to restore Jacob to himself, so that Israel might be gathered to him; and I will be honored in the Lord’s sight, for my God is my source of strength

14. Isaiah 45:1-6 - This is what the Lord says **to his chosen one, to Cyrus,** whose right hand I hold in order to subdue nations before him, and disarm kings, to open doors before him, so gates remain unclosed: 2 “I will go before you and level mountains. Bronze doors I will shatter and iron bars I will hack through. 3 I will give you hidden treasures, riches stashed away in secret places, so you may recognize that **I am the Lord, the one who calls you by name, the God of Israel.** 4 **For the sake of my servant Jacob Israel, my chosen one, I call you by name and give you a title of respect, even though you do not recognize me.** 5 I am the Lord, I have no peer, there is no God but me. I arm you for battle, even though you do not recognize me. 6 **I do this so people will recognize from east to west that there is no God but me; I am the Lord, I have no peer.**

15. John 15:16 - You did not **choose** me, but I **chose** you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that remains, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you.

16. Romans 11:1-10 - So I ask, God has not rejected his people, has he? Absolutely not! For I too am an **Israelite, a descendant of Abraham**, from the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he **foreknew!** Do you not know what the scripture says about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? 3 “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars; **I alone am left** and they are seeking my life!” 4 But what was the divine response to him? “**I have kept for myself seven thousand people** who have not bent the knee to Baal.” 5 So in the same way at the present time **there is a remnant chosen by grace.** 6 And if it is by grace, it is no longer by works, otherwise grace would no longer be grace. 7 What then? **Israel failed to obtain what it was diligently seeking, but the elect obtained it. The rest were hardened,** 8 as it is written, “**God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, to this very day.**” 9 And David says, “Let their table become a snare and trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them; 10 let their eyes be darkened so that they may not see, and make their backs bend continually.”
17. Galatians 1:15-17 - But when **the one who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace** was pleased 16 to reveal his Son in me so that I could preach him among the Gentiles, I did not go to ask advice from any human being, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before me, but right away I departed to Arabia, and then returned to Damascus.
18. John 6:63-70 - **The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing.** And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But some of you do not

believe me.” (**For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn’t believe, and he knew who would betray him.**) 65 Then he said, “That is why I said that **people can’t come to me unless the Father gives them to me.**” 66 At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. 67 Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, “Are you also going to leave?” 68 Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. 69 We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.” 70 Then Jesus said, “**I chose the twelve of you, but one is a devil.**”

19. NT letter openings:

1. Gal - From Paul, an apostle (not from men, nor by human agency, but **by** Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead)
2. Eph - From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus **by** the will of God
3. Col - From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus **by** the will of God
4. 1 Tim - From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus **by** the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope
5. 2 Tim - From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus **by** the will of God

6. Titus - From Paul, a slave of God and apostle of Jesus Christ, to further the faith of God's **chosen ones**
 7. 1 Peter - From Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those temporarily residing abroad (in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, the province of Asia, and Bithynia) **who are chosen 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father by being set apart** by the Spirit for obedience and for sprinkling with Jesus Christ's blood. May grace and peace be yours in full measure!
 8. 2 John - From the elder, to an **elect** lady and her children
 9. Jude - From Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and brother of James, **to those who are called**
4. **Regeneration (new birth/born again) before Conversion (faith/repentance) OR Conversion before Regeneration? THIS IS THE GREAT DEBATE!**
1. **Regeneration**
 1. James 1:18 - He **chose** to **give birth** to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.
 2. John 3:1-8 - There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you."

3 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are **born again**, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.” 4 “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be **born again**?” 5 Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. 6 **Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.** 7 So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be **born again.**’ 8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, **so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.**”

3. Ezek 11:17-21 - “Therefore say: ‘This is what the sovereign Lord says: When I regather you from the peoples and assemble you from the lands where you have been dispersed, I will give you back the country of Israel.’ 18 “When they return to it, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. 19 **I will give them one heart and I will put a new spirit within them; I will remove the hearts of stone from their bodies and I will give them tender hearts,** 20 **so that they may follow my statutes and observe my regulations and carry them out. Then they will be my people, and I will be their God.** 21 **But those whose hearts** are devoted to detestable things and abominations, I hereby repay them for what they have done, says the sovereign Lord.”
4. Ezek 36:24-29a - ““I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries; then I will bring you to

your land. 25 **I will sprinkle you with pure water and you will be clean from all your impurities. I will purify you from all your idols.** 26 **I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh.** 27 **I will put my Spirit within you; I will take the initiative and you will obey my statutes and carefully observe my regulations.** 28 Then you will live in the land I gave to your fathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God. 29 **I will save you from all your uncleanness.**

5. Jer 31:31-33 - “Indeed, a time is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. 32 It will not be like the old covenant that I made with their ancestors when I delivered them from Egypt. For they violated that covenant, even though I was like a faithful husband to them,” says the Lord. 33 “But I will make a new covenant with the whole nation of Israel after I plant them back in the land,” says the Lord. **“I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts and minds.** I will be their God and they will be my people.
6. Jer 32:37-41 - ‘I will certainly regather my people from all the countries where I will have exiled them in my anger, fury, and great wrath. I will bring them back to this place and allow them to live here in safety. 38 They will be my people, and I will be their God. 39 **I will give them a single-minded purpose to live in a way that always shows respect for me.** They will want to do that for their own good and the good of the children who descend from them. 40 I will make a lasting covenant with them

that I will never stop doing good to them. **I will fill their hearts and minds with respect for me so that they will never again turn away from me.** 41 I will take delight in doing good to them. I will faithfully and wholeheartedly plant them firmly in the land.'

7. 1 Tim 1:12-14 - I am grateful to the one who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me faithful in putting me into ministry, 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor, and an arrogant man. But I was treated with mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and our Lord's grace was abundant, **bringing** faith and love in Christ Jesus.
8. Titus 3:4-7 - But "when the kindness of God our Savior and his love for mankind appeared, 5 he saved us not by works of righteousness that we have done but on the basis of his mercy, **through the washing of the new birth** and the renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us in full measure through Jesus Christ our Savior. 7 And so, since we have been justified by his grace, we become heirs with the confident expectation of eternal life."
9. 1 Peter 1:3a - All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **It is by his great mercy that we have been born again**, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.
10. 1 Peter 1:23 - **For you have been born again**, but not to a life that will quickly end. **Your new life will last forever**

because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.

11. John 5:21 - For just as **the Father gives life** to those he raises from the dead, so **the Son gives life to anyone he wants.**

12. John 6:43-47 - Jesus replied, “Do not complain about me to one another. 44 **No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.** 45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who hears and learns from the Father comes to me. 46 (Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God – he has seen the Father.) 47 I tell you the solemn truth, the one who believes has eternal life.

13. Acts 16:14-15 - A woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, a God-fearing woman, listened to us. **The Lord opened her heart to respond** to what Paul was saying. 15 After she and her household were baptized, she urged us, “If you consider me to be a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house.” And she persuaded us.

14. 1 Cor 6:9-11 - Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. **But you were washed**, you were sanctified, you

were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

15. 2 Tim 2:23-26 - Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. 24 A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. 25 Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. **Perhaps God will change those people's hearts**, and they will learn the truth. 26 Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. **For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.**

16. Titus 1:15-16 - **Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure. But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving**, because their minds and consciences are corrupted. 16 Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.

2. [Conversion](#)

1. Acts 16:30-31 - Then he brought them outside and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They replied, "**Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household.**"
2. Acts 13:48 - When the Gentiles heard this, they began to rejoice and praise the word of the Lord, and **all who had been**

appointed for eternal life believed.

3. Romans 10:8-13 - 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 preach), 9 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.** 10 For **with the heart one believes** and thus has righteousness and with the mouth one confesses and thus has salvation. 11 For the scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all, who richly blesses all who call on him. 13 For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
4. Jn 1:12-13 - But to all who have received him – **those who believe in his name** – he has given the right to become God’s children 13 – **children not born by human parents or by human desire or a husband’s decision, but by God.**
5. 1 John 5:1 - **Everyone who believes** that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too.

5. **Justification and Sanctification**

1. Don’t confuse the two!
2. Justification - our declared righteousness before God (God does this). This is coming up in our Romans series soon.

3. Sanctification - our gradual growing righteousness (God and us do this)

1. All of the “work out your faith” passages.

6. Perseverance

1. Mat 10:21-22 - “A brother will betray his brother to death, a father will betray his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed. 22 And all nations will hate you because you are my followers. **But everyone who endures to the end will be saved.**

2. John 5:24 - “I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me **have eternal life.** They will **never** be condemned for their sins, but **they have already** passed from death **into life.**

3. John 6:37-40 - However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. 38 For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. 39 And this is the will of God, **that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day.** 40 For **it is my Father’s will** that all who see his Son and believe in him **should have eternal life.** I will raise them up at **the last day.**”

4. John 6:47 - “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes **has eternal life.**

5. John 10:27-30 - My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 **I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, 29 for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else.** No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."
6. Eph 1:13-14 - And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. 14 **The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people.** He did this so we would praise and glorify him.
7. Eph 4:30 - And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, **guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.**
8. Philippians 1:6 - And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, **will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.**
9. Heb 7:25 - Therefore he is able, **once and forever, to save those who come to God through him.** He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.
10. Heb 10:14 - For by that one offering **he forever made perfect** those who are being made holy.

11. Jude 1:24 - Now all glory to **God, who is able to keep you from falling away** and will bring you with great joy **into his glorious presence** without a single fault.

12. What about?

1. 1 John 2:19 - These people left our churches, but **they never really belonged with us**; otherwise they would have stayed with us. When they left, it proved that **they did not belong with us**.
2. Mat 7:21-23 - “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22 On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ 23 But I will reply, ‘**I never knew you**. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’
3. Heb 3:14-4:6 - For **if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ**. 15 Remember what it says: “Today when you hear his voice, **don’t harden your hearts** as Israel did when they rebelled.” 16 And who was it who rebelled against God, even though they heard his voice? Wasn’t it the people Moses led out of Egypt? 17 And who made God angry for forty years? Wasn’t it the people who sinned, whose corpses lay in the wilderness? 18 And to whom was God speaking when he took an oath that they would never enter his rest? Wasn’t it the people who disobeyed him? 19 So we

see that **because of their unbelief they were not able to enter his rest.** 4:1 God's promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. 2 For this good news — that God has prepared this rest — has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn't share the faith of those who listened to God. 3 **For only we who believe can enter his rest.** As for the others, God said, "In my anger I took an oath: 'They will never enter my place of rest,'" even though this rest has been ready since he made the world. 4 We know it is ready because of the place in the Scriptures where it mentions the seventh day: "On the seventh day God rested from all his work." 5 But in the other passage God said, "They will never enter my place of rest." 6 **So God's rest is there for people to enter, but those who first heard this good news failed to enter because they disobeyed God.**

Heb 6:4-6 - For it is impossible to bring back to repentance those who were once enlightened—**those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come — 6 and who then turn away from God.** It is impossible to bring such people back to repentance; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame.