

Article III. Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer.

1. Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man
 - God doesn't just save your _____, He saves all of you.
 - In the end of all things you will be _____
2. "And is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior"
 - Salvation is given as a gift of God's grace to _____ who _____.
 - Whoever _____ will be saved. Often we focus so much on the truth that _____ will may come that we lose sight of the truth that only those that come by _____ are saved.
3. "Who (Jesus Christ) by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer."
 - As it says in John 3:16, God gave His Son as an _____ sacrifice.
 - Jesus is the fulfillment of the _____ that God put in place.
 - As the fulfillment of the sacrificial system He is also the _____ of the sacrificial system.
4. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

A. Regeneration

Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.

- Regeneration is _____ you, it's what the _____ does in you.
- The Holy Spirit makes you _____.

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.

- Repentance involves turning from _____ to follow _____. Like the phrases before say, repentance and faith are _____ experiences of God's grace.

- The person who believes is the one who _____, and the one who repents is the one who _____.

B. Justification

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- Justification is not given because of _____, it is a gift of God's _____.

- Justification means a _____

2. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.

- Justification brings the believer into a relationship of _____ and _____ with God through the forgiveness of sin and the _____ righteousness of Christ.

C. Sanctification

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- When you are saved you are _____ unto God to _____ the plans of God.

- As you live by faith you are _____ into the image of God by the working of the _____ through the gospel.

2. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

- Growing in faithfulness and Christ-likeness continues until the _____ comes or you _____.

D. Glorification

Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

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- Wrapped up in the purpose of your salvation is the end result of your _____.

- God is honored and glorified in your _____

2. And (Glorification) is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

“Therefore, do not let your joy or your hope or your theology or your preaching rest finally on what you *are* or what you *will be*. Rejoice finally in this: that what you will *be* is a joyful reflection of the glory of God. And he will be all in all. Be glad that you are not the final point of it all, but a happy pointer.” - John Piper

Applications:

1. Salvation is the result of _____

2. Salvation is a _____ of God's _____ given freely to all who believe

3. Salvation results in our _____ glorification and _____ with God

4. God's _____ for mankind in creation is the same as His _____ in salvation: to _____ Him.