

Equip

“Rooted..... (God’s plan for redemption part 2)

Happy Mother’s Day!!

Application: It is important for us as believers, to know the _____ (Process) by which God saves.



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?

Romans 10:14

God’s Order of Salvation:

Last week:

- 1. Election** (God’s choice of people to be saved)
- 2. The Gospel Call** (proclaiming/hearing the message of the Gospel)
- 3. Regeneration** (being born again)

This Week:

- 4. Conversion** (faith and repentance)
- 5. Justification** (right legal standing; righteousness of Christ imputed)

Weeks to follow:

- 6. Adoption** (membership in God’s family)
- 7. Sanctification** (growth in knowledge and obedience....becoming more like Christ)
- 8. Perseverance** (continuing in the faith, abiding in Christ)
- 9. Death** (going to be with the Lord)
- 10. Glorification** (receiving a resurrection body)

Acts 2..... (Read together)

Conversion:

Conversion is our _____ response to the gospel call, in which we sincerely repent of sins and place our trust in Christ for our personal salvation. How is conversion brought about?

_____ (step 3)..... **“He Who began a good work in you.....” (Phil. 1:6) “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.....” (John 6:44)**

Conversion consists of 2 parts:

1. _____
2. _____

“how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of **repentance** toward God and of **faith** in our Lord Jesus Christ.....” Acts 20:20-21

Repent:

The word repent actually means a changing of the _____ (Paradigm Shift); A changing of the mind leads to a changing of _____. As we respond to the gospel there is a **willingness** to repent (as we learn God’s Word) and to be obedient to Scripture.

Repentance is a “relational return which “arises from the human heart and impacts attitudes, words, and action.” **Mark Boda..... “Return to me and I will return to you....” Zechariah1:3**

Repentance requires a full turning from sin and _____ of another way of life. Repentance is NOT a _____ time thing. It’s a _____ - _____ (continual)thing. **“Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God....” Matthew 3:8**

Faith (Saving Faith):

What is faith in Christ? First, faith must include _____ of Christ and what He’s done (death, burial, resurrection) in the gospel. We must have some basic knowledge and understanding about the facts surrounding Jesus Christ. Then, we must _____. We don’t just know about Him, we entrust ourselves to Him. We receive Him. We rest on Him. We cast ourselves on Him.

“But to all who did receive him, who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become children of God....” **John 1:12**

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

Justification:

Faith is the _____ for Justification. And justification is _____ response to our faith.

“And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.....” **Romans 8:30**

What is justification? Justification is a _____ declaration by God.

From Wayne Grudem’s book “Christian Beliefs:”

“When someone responds to God’s call in repentance and faith, God **responds** to that faith by thinking of that person’s sin as forgiven and by thinking of Christ’s righteousness as belonging to that person. At that **very moment** God also declares that person to be righteous in His sight. Therefore, justification is an instantaneous, legal act of God in which He:

1. Thinks of our sins as forgiven AND thinks of Christ’s righteousness as belonging to us
2. Declares us to be “just” or morally righteous in His sight.
3. Paul is clear (Romans 3:26, 5:1, Gal. 2:16) that justification comes _____ we respond to the gospel call in faith and that justification is God’s response to our faith

Summary of Justification:

If God, acting as a Judge has declared you righteous in His sight, you do not have to pay the penalty for your past, present, or future sins. The sins of those justified are considered forgiven because God considers their sins as belonging to Christ, and Christ already paid the penalty of those sins. But not only does God consider those sins as belonging to Christ, He also considers Christ’s righteousness as belonging to us. Christ took the place of guilt that we all deserved so that we could take the place of acceptance we all long for. Through Justification, God considers our sins as fully forgiven and considers us as fully acceptable and righteous in His sight.

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.....” (2 Corinthians 5:21)