

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." - Ephesians 2:8-10



SALVATION

Salvation

Point and Purpose

What Salvation's Purpose?

- ✿ Ephesians 1:1-14
 - ✿ What is the motivation behind God's actions?
- ✿ Psalm 46
 - ✿ What is God's end goal?
- ✿ Psalm 2
 - ✿ What is the relationship between man and God?
 - ✿ What does David suggest?

What Salvation's Purpose?

- ✦ Where did this rebellion against God begin?
- ✦ In redeeming humanity, what is God bringing about?
- ✦ What does the end of the book look like?
- ✦ **What is salvation's purpose?**

T.U.L.I.P./R.S.D.E.P

- ✦ **T**otal Depravity/Radical Corruption
- ✦ **U**nconditional Election/Sovereign Election
- ✦ **L**imited Atonement/Definite Redemption
- ✦ **I**rresistible Grace/Effectual Grace
- ✦ **P**erseverance of the Saints/Preservation of the Saints

“Total Depravity” v.s Radical Corruption

✦ **Morally Corrupt**

- ✦ Genesis 6:5 - All of humanity was thoroughly wicked
- ✦ Jeremiah 17:9 - The heart of man is thoroughly sick
- ✦ Matthew 7:11 - Mankind is evil
- ✦ Romans 1:18-32 - God haters
- ✦ Romans 3:9-18 - None righteous **NO NOT ONE**

Radical Corruption

✦ **Total Inability**

- ✦ Deuteronomy 29:4 - Israel had no heart to believe
- ✦ Ezekiel 36:22-28 - God will cause Israel's regeneration
- ✦ Matthew 11:25-27 - No one knows God unless Christ wills to reveal himself to them
- ✦ John 6:44, 65 - No one comes unless called
- ✦ Romans 8:6-8 - Impossible for unregenerate to know God
- ✦ Ephesians 2:1-3 - You were DEAD

R.S.D.E.P



- Radical Corruption
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“Unconditional” v.s Sovereign Election

★ **A History of God’s Choice**

- ★ Why Abraham? (Gen. 12)
- ★ Why Jacob? (Gen. 25)
- ★ Why David? (1 Sam 16)
- ★ How did Jesus come by his disciples? (Matt. 4:18-22, 9:9; Mark 2:14, 3:13-19; Luke 5:27-28, 6:12-16; John 6:70)

Sovereign Election

✦ **God's Selection**

- ✦ Psalm 1 - The tree/man is planted by an outside source
- ✦ Jeremiah 1:5 - God singled him out
- ✦ Ephesians 1:3-14 - Chosen before the foundations of the world for salvation
- ✦ Romans 8:28-30 - God foreknew, predestined, called, justified and will glorify the elect
- ✦ Romans 9:15-24 - Humanity exists to glorify God

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“Limited” vs. Definite Atonement

- ✿ To whom is Christ’s Atoning death applied?
 - ✿ Everyone (Actually)
 - ✿ Everyone (Potentially)
 - ✿ The Elect (Actually)

Definite Atonement

- ✦ **What happened on the cross?**
 - ✦ Penal Substitutionary Atonement
 - ✦ Punishment
 - ✦ In our Place
 - ✦ To Satisfy the wrath of God

Definite Atonement

- ✦ **Propitiation:** Christ's death was more than simply a sacrifice.
- ✦ What makes Christ's death on the cross any different than the blood of sheep and goats in the OT?
- ✦ Christ's death **SATISFIED** the wrath of God and in doing so **TURNED GOD'S WRATH AWAY.**

Definite Atonement

- ✦ Romans 3:24-25
 - ✦ Who's sins were passed over?
- ✦ Hebrews 2:17
 - ✦ For whom did Christ make propitiation?
- ✦ 1 John 2:2
 - ✦ Who's "us" and who's "the whole world"? Keep reading through v. 6...

Definite Atonement

- ✦ What happened on the cross?
 - ✦ **Option 1:** Christ's death made it possible for sin to be overlooked, allowing for the sinner to come to God?
 - ✦ **Option 2:** Christ's death satisfied and turned away God's wrath?
- ✦ What are the implications of either option?

Definite Atonement

- ✦ But What about 2 Peter 3:8-9?
 - ✦ Not wish “any” to perish?
 - ✦ “Any” (τινας) and “all” (πάντας) are grammatically attached to “you” (ὑμᾶς). God does not wish for any of YOU (believers being written to) to perish
 - ✦ Context: Both 1&2 Peter are written to believers who are floundering in Christian living.
 - ✦ Message: Repent of your current sinfulness and prove that you are indeed redeemed!

Definite Atonement

- ✿ *“Sin may not nearly be overlooked; sin must ever and always be punished, whether in the sinner in hell or in Christ the substitute on the cross.”*
- ✿ *“Every ounce of wrath that the elect sinner deserved—all the wrath that God would have exercised on the sinner in the eternal torments of hell—was poured out fully on our substitute in those three terrible hours on Calvary.”* – Biblical

Doctrine “A Systematic Summary of Biblical Truth” (p. 531)

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“Irresistible” v.s Effectual Grace

- ✦ Can man reject God’s grace once extended to him?
 - ✦ John 6:44
 - ✦ **What does it mean to be “drawn” by the Father?**

Effectual Grace

- ✦ ἔλκω -
 - ✦ To move an object from one area to another in a pulling motion, draw, with implication that the object being moved is incapable of propelling itself or in the case of pers. is unwilling to do so voluntarily, in either case with implication of exertion on the part of the mover.

Effectual Grace

- ✦ Other places where ἔλκω is used.
 - ✦ John 18:10 - Peter *drew* his sword
 - ✦ John 21:6, 11 - Disciples *drew in their net*
 - ✦ Acts 16:19 - Paul and Silas were *drag* before the authorities
 - ✦ Acts 21:30 - Paul was *drag* out of the temple
 - ✦ James 2:6 - The rich *drag* the brethren into court

Effectual Grace

- ✦ **IF** man is morally corrupt and unable to to please God...
- ✦ **IF** God has elected persons to redeem from before the foundations of the world for the purpose of displaying his glory in redemption...
- ✦ **IF** redemption for mankind was an actual transaction and the sins of the redeemed have been bought and paid for...
- ✦ **THEN** why on earth would you think your can escape the grace of God?

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“Perseverance” vs. Preservation of the Saints

- ✦ Can a believer loose his salvation?
- ✦ How do you know that you’re saved?
- ✦ What does the Bible say about how to be saved?

Preservation of the Saints

- ✦ Matthew 11:25-30
- ✦ John 10:25-30
- ✦ Romans 8:28-30
- ✦ Romans 10:9-11

Preservation of the Saints

- ✦ *“It is impossible for those whose the Father has predestined to Christlikeness to fail to attain that end, for “those whose he predestined he also called, and those whose he called he also justified, and those whose he justified he also glorified.”* – Biblical Doctrine “A Systematic Summary of Biblical Truth” (p. 644)

Assurance

- ✦ How do you know that you are saved?
 - ✦ By your good works?
 - ✦ James 2:14-26
 - ✦ By your confession?
 - ✦ Matthew 7:15-23
 - ✦ Romans 10:9-11
 - ✦ 1 John 2:19

Assurance

- ✦ What is the basis for assurance, the object of your faith or the evidence of your faith? If the object of your faith is invalid, then the evidence (if there is any) is also invalid. But if the object, the thing in which your faith is placed, is genuine, then so is your salvation **EVEN IF EVIDENCE IS SPARSE!**

Assurance

- ✦ Can you be a Christian and deny Christ?
- ✦ Can you be a Christian and struggle with sin?
- ✦ Can you be a deceived person who said the words of affirmation but have not yet been truly redeemed?

Assurance

✦ Confession:

- ✦ Who do you say that Jesus is?
- ✦ For what purpose to Jesus come, die, resurrect?
- ✦ For what purpose is he coming again?

✦ Validation:

- ✦ Is there any change in your life from when you were unregenerate?
- ✦ Do you desire to submit to Christ in all things?

Assurance

- ✦ “But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ that is the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart a man believes resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes in Him **will not be disappointed.**’” - Romans 10:8-11

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Questions to Ponder

- ✿ Is my understanding of salvation influenced by Scripture, or my own “feelings”?
- ✿ Does my understanding of salvation glorify man or God?
- ✿ Does my understanding of salvation reflect an accurate understanding of God?
- ✿ Does God support my understanding of Salvation through His Word?