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Foundations of the Faith
The Way and Benefits of Salvation

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe... Ephesians 1:16-19

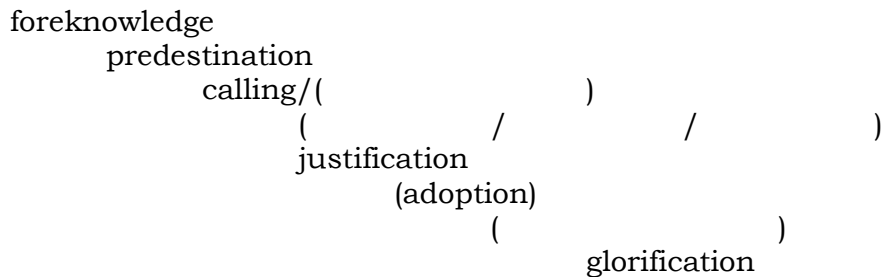
Introduction

The order of salvation is another way of speaking of the plan of God's grace in relationship to us. This study should not simply be for the purpose of obtaining doctrinal accuracy, but should lead us to praise the Lord and to rejoice and rest more fully in His grace.

Romans 8:28-30

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

So



Ephesians 1:3-14

How do we see the way of salvation and its benefits described in this passage? Does this teach us more concerning the blessings of salvation described above? Anything in regard to the order of the plan? There is an all encompassing truth communicated concerning the benefits of salvation in this passage. How is this truth often described?

John 1:12-13

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

See also John 3:3,5

What aspects of salvation does this passage describe?

Summary\Preview

How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

We are made partakers of the redemption purchase by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit.

How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he does persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us a righteous in his sight only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Glorification

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of Gods to all eternity. (Westminster Shorter Catechism, 29-31,33-35, 37-38)

Further Application