



SALVATION & SANCTIFICATION

OPENING THOUGHTS

“Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.’” –
John 3:3

“The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” –John
3:8

OPENING THOUGHTS

- We see the necessity of salvation
- Salvation is something that bears evidence
- The salvation event is a mystery
- Salvation is a work of the Trinity

THE MEANS OF
SALVATION

HOW IS ONE BORN AGAIN?

- Is this something we must work to obtain?
 - Is the salvation event begun at our baptism and worked out throughout our lives?
 - Is it a reward for anything we may do?
- Is this something we partner with God in?
 - Is salvation a combination of faith and works?
 - Does God pick-up where we fall short?

HOW IS ONE BORN AGAIN?

- Is salvation completely by and through God's grace, a free gift to be received by faith alone?
 - Is it completely His work accomplished in the person of Jesus Christ?
 - Are all of our efforts and "goodness" to be counted as rubbish in His sight?

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- Our understanding of salvation effects and dictates every other aspect of our Christian walk.
- How we perceive salvation determines how we understand...
 - The work of Christ on the cross
 - The work of faith in the believer
 - The security of our salvation
 - The assurance of our salvation

THE STARTING POINT OF SALVATION

WHY THEOLOGY MATTERS

WHY THEOLOGY?

Salvation always begins and is limited by our concepts of...

- Who God is
- What is man's purpose
- What is the Fall of Man
- What effect does sin have on mankind
- What did the work of Christ on the cross accomplish
- What role does the Spirit play in salvation

THE BIBLICAL TEACHING

“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, so that no one may boast.” –Ephesians 2:8-9

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” –Romans 5:1

- Salvation is completely by faith in Jesus Christ and free from any work of man
- It is a free gift of God given not earned
- In fact man is unable to do anything for it since...
 - “...we were still helpless...” (5:6), “...while we were yet sinners...” (5:8), “...while we were enemies...” (5:10)



SALVIFIC FAITH

- Is more than mental acknowledgment of facts
- Rooted and rested in the person of Jesus Christ
- Turning away from sin and to Jesus
- Admits one inability to save one's self

SANCTIFICATION

NOT YET...BUT PRESSING TOWARD

THE SANCTIFICATION PROCESS

- Scripture is clear that salvation is a gift from God given fully and completely in a moment
- However, sanctification is a gradual process in which both God and the believer work as one grows in Christ-likeness
- This is progressive sanctification
 - The believer is not what they once were
 - And equally so, they are not yet what they shall be
 - We find our full fulfillment only in the presence of Jesus Christ
- It is the working out of one's salvation

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

IS IT POSSIBLE TO KNOW?

ASSURANCE

- “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.” -1 John 5:13
- So many when asked the question regarding their salvation respond with something along the lines of “I hope so”
- “If one small part (of your salvation) depends on you, you will never have assurance.” –Adrian Rogers
- Assurance is rooted in Scripture not experience
 - Never points back to a past event
 - Always speaks of a present reality
- “Am I trusting Christ and Christ alone as my only hope of salvation?”

QUESTIONS?

