

The *Ordo Salutis*

The Doctrine of Salvation

- The parts or components
- The order in which they fit
- The Order of Salvation
- Latin: "*Ordo Salutis*"

What's the Issue?

- Berkhof: "the process by which the work of salvation, wrought in Christ, is subjectively realized in the hearts and lives of sinners. It aims at describing in their logical order, and also in their interrelations, the various movements of the Holy Spirit in the application of the work of redemption."
- The *Ordo Salutis* deals with both:
 - The logical order of events that occur at the moment of salvation.
 - The chronological order of events relating to our salvation that occur either before or after our conversion.

Why Does it Matter?

- Reveals and determines your doctrine of salvation
- Will affect or determine your approach to evangelism
- Can give great peace and confidence or rob you of assurance
- Can even effect how effectively you glorify God

What Are the Primary Views?

- The Arminian *Ordo Salutis*
 - Universal, external call
 - Repentance and faith
 - Justification
 - Sanctification
 - Perseverance

What Are the Primary Views?

- Popular Smorgasbord View
 - Election
 - Effectual Calling
 - Faith – simple belief in the gospel message
 - Regeneration
 - Justification
 - Sanctification
 - Eternal Security

What Does the Bible Teach?

- Exegetical Evidence
- The Foundational Framework:
Rom. 8:29-30
 - Election
 - Effectual Calling
 - Justification
 - Glorification

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Faith

- The instrument by which justification is received
- Gal. 2:16 - nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law.
- Cf. Rom. 1:17; 3:22, 26, 28, 30; 5:1; Gal. 3:24; Phil. 3:9

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Repentance

- Often tied to faith
- Acts 16:31 - They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."
 - Cf. Acts 2:38 - Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Acts 20:21 - solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 Th. 1:9 - For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God.

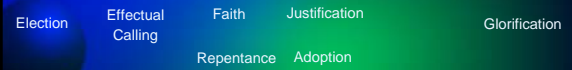
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Repentance

Adoption

- John 1:12

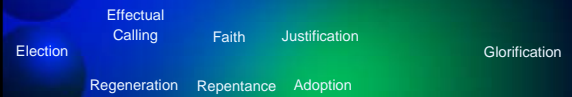
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Regeneration

- John 1:12-13
- Rest of Scripture:
 - John 3:3, 5
 - 1 John 5:1
 - John 6:44

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Positional (Definitive) Sanctification

- Acts 20:32 - "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."
- 1 Cor. 1:2 - To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours.
- 1 Cor. 6:11 - Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.
- Acts 26:18 - to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been **sanctified by faith** in Me.'

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What Difference Should It Make?

- It should cause our evangelistic methods to be permeated by prayer and the ministry of the Word, instead of manipulative techniques (2 Cor. 4:1-6; cf. Rom. 10:17).
- It should strengthen our confidence that God will complete the work He's begun in us (Phil. 1:6).
- It should bring hope and comfort through the difficulties of life (Rom. 8:28 – precipitated 8:29-30).
- It should create a great sense of security in the love of God (Rom. 8:31-39).