

Order of Salvation

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*“Taken together all of the above make up what is known as the Order of Salvation. In Reformed theology, you’ll often see these things referred to with the Latin expression **Ordo Salutis**. These are the logical steps which make up the rescue of a Christian from sin and deserved condemnation. With each of these, there is far more that could and should be said, but the above provides just a basic orientation.”*



ELECTION

**BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE, GOD THE FATHER
CHOSE (ELECTED) A CERTAIN NUMBER OF DEFINITE INDIVIDUALS
TO SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST, PURELY ON THE BASIS
OF HIS GRACE AND GOOD PLEASURE.**

Ephesians 1:1-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

two

EFFECTUAL CALLING

THIS IS A WORK OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT. IT IS A PROCESS WHERE THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVINCES SINNERS OF THEIR PLIGHT AND BRINGS THEM TO SPIRITUAL LIFE SO THAT THEY CAN AND DO BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST FOR SALVATION.

John 6:44-45

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.

three

REGENERATION

ALSO KNOWN AS THE NEW BIRTH. WITHOUT IT THERE IS NO SALVATION. THIS IS THE MOMENT WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT MIRACULOUSLY CHANGES A HEART OF STONE INTO A HEART OF FLESH. REGENERATION IS THE TRANSFER FROM DEATH TO LIFE.

John 3: 1-8

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

four

JUSTIFICATION

GOD'S DECLARATION AS A JUDGE THAT A SINNER IS RIGHT WITH HIM (RIGHTEOUS) ONLY ON THE BASIS OF WHAT JESUS CHRIST HAS DONE FOR THAT SINNER IN HIS LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION. THIS CAN ONLY BE RECEIVED THROUGH RESTING AND TRUSTING IN JESUS CHRIST.

Romans 3:21-31

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

five

ADOPTION

ALL THOSE WHO ARE JUSTIFIED ARE RECEIVED INTO GOD'S FAMILY AS ONE OF HIS ADOPTED CHILDREN. HE IS OUR FATHER AND WE ARE HIS BELOVED CHILDREN WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF A PROMISED INHERITANCE IN THE FUTURE. THAT INHERITANCE IS LIFE FOREVER IN THE NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH.

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

six

SANCTIFICATION

**THIS IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH CHRISTIANS GROW IN
LOOKING LIKE JESUS CHRIST. IT IS A LIFE-LONG PROCESS
OF GROWING IN HATING, FIGHTING, AND OVERCOMING THE
EVIL AND REBELLION IN OUR LIVES.**

Romans 12:1&2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



GLORIFICATION

THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE FOR GLORY WHICH COMES EITHER WITH DEATH OR THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST (WHICHEVER HAPPENS FIRST). WE SHALL SOME DAY BE PERFECT AND SINLESS, SHARING IN THE GLORY OF OUR SAVIOUR.

1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.