

Session for
Doctrine of Salvation



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MEET WITH A FRIEND

- **Share** any thoughts/reflection/questions you had on the session.
- **Discuss/Apply**
 - How has the way you view your relationship to Jesus as Savior been changed?
 - What aspect of union with Christ might we tend to neglect today?
 - In regard to union with Christ and sanctification, what are some practical ways you can know Christ more deeply and personally?
 - How does our union with Christ encourage you in your Christian journey?
- **Pray** for each other in light of what you have talked about today.

SESSION SUMMARY

What does GBC believe about Salvation?

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole person, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

Regeneration, or the **new birth**, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. **Repentance** and **faith** are inseparable experiences of grace.

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. **Faith** is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.

Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.

Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

What is Salvation Applied?

"What the Son accomplished, the Spirit applies. While Christ's work during the incarnation is referred to as "[salvation] accomplished," the Spirit's work to apply what Christ has accomplished is labeled "[salvation] applied." Those whom the Father has chosen, the Son has purchased by his own blood on the cross and the Spirit then unites to Christ."

– **40 Questions about Salvation** by Matthew Barrett

- **Election:** chosen by God.
Ephesians 1:3-4
- **Effectual Calling:** witnessed externally by a Christian and successfully by the

Holy Spirit.

John 6:37-40

- **Regeneration: born again by the Holy Spirit.**
Ephesians 2:4-5
2 Corinthians 5:17
- **Conversion: response in faith and repentance by the Christian.**
Galatians 2:15-16
- **Union with Christ**
 - **Justification: declared righteous by God.**
2 Corinthians 5:21
 - **Adoption: declared son and heir with Jesus Christ by the Father.**
Ephesians 1:5-6
Romans 8:15-17
 - **Sanctification: made progressively like Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit through the Christian.**
Ephesians 4:15
Colossians 2:6-7
 - **Perseverance: kept faithful by the Holy Spirit through the Christian.**
John 10:27-28
Philippians 2:12-13
 - **Glorification: granted glorified body by Jesus Christ when he comes again.**
Philippians 3:20-21

What does GBC believe about God's Purposeful Grace?

***Election** is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.*

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their joy and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.