

### 5-3-1 Assignment on Bird 5.1 to 5.3.1

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#### QUESTIONS

1. What is the meaning of salvation in Scripture?
2. What are the three fundamental divine agents for Adamic restoration and Abrahamic fulfillment for Israel?
3. According to Romans 8:29-30, what salvific order does the author propose?
4. What does the election imply?
5. What are the reasons for the incarnation?

#### Answers:

1. Salvation consists of more than a spiritual rescue in a postmortem state. It consists of God's deliverance of the whole person to the full extent of His care and compassion.
2. The three divine agents are the Davidic king, the Servant of the Lord, and the Son of Man. These are images of the one God would use to deliver Israel and the world (Jesus).
3. According to Romans, Bird affirms that the order of salvation comprises predestination, calling, regeneration, faith and repentance, justification, transformation, and glorification.
4. Election implies that if God has saved someone, then that is what He always intended to do, and nothing changes that. Furthermore, election points out that salvation is by grace, not based on humankind's merits or their movement toward God.
5. The incarnation is necessary because of God's intention that human beings have a union with Him in a perfected creation and because of the nature of the Son as the eternal mediator between God and creation.

#### TERMS

*Historia Salutis*: It means "redemptive history" or "history of salvation." It narrates the main events from Eden to the New Jerusalem and everything in between these events.

*Ordo Salutis*: It refers to the order or sequence in which salvation applies to the individual believer.

*Sublapsarianism*: Logical order of decrees in God's plan that postulates that there was a decree to create human beings, allow for the fall, provide sufficient salvation for all, and elect some and reprove others.

#### SUMMARY

Bird affirms that the Gospel's content is the Savior, and its objective is salvation, but it goes beyond a mere redemptive act (It seeks the re-establishment of humanity with God). In addition, he addresses the history of salvation and proposes five acts in which it unfolds (creation and fall; patriarchs and Israel; Jesus; church; and consummation). Bird also talks about the salvific order as a sequence of events for individual salvation, such as predestination, calling, regeneration, faith, repentance, justification, transformation, and glorification. Finally, the author refers to the incarnation as the way for the union between God and humankind, which illustrates the mediatorial nature of Christ.