

5-3-1 Assignment 5 on Bird –5.1
The Gospel of Salvation- Saved by the Gospel

QUESTIONS:

- 1) According to Bird, what is salvation?
- 2) What is a holistic understanding of Salvation?
- 3) What is the primary scripture quoted by Calvinists to defend their predestination position?
- 4) What is the most controversial issue between Calvinists and Arminians?
- 5) what was Augustine's position on salvation?

ANSWERS:

- 1) Salvation means to be part of the hope of God's wider purpose and project to unite himself with creation through the logos of his son.
- 2) God's deliverance involves the entire person in the future and the present state.
- 3) Romans 8: 29-30.
- 4) Calvinists argue that God has elected some to be saved and destined others to be lost. Arminian argues that salvation is offered to all who believe in Jesus Christ through God's grace.
- 5) Augustine believed in predetermination however he added that the elect had unmerited grace, while those destined to be lost were not afforded grace.

Terms:

- 1) Predestination: God's election of some people for salvation.
- 2) **Redemptive history:** a past eternity to redeem a humanity that runs from Genesis to Revelation.
- 3) **Ordo salutis:** The order of salvation

Summary: In these chapters discussed the meaning of salvation and the different complex levels. Bird, states that in the Old Testament salvation had a different meaning than in the New Testament. In the O.T. God was delivering Israel from their enemies in the N.T. God is redeeming Humans to himself. Bird, explains the different theological issues the church has struggled with throughout the centuries. Bird explains the Calvinist and Arminian doctrines of Salvation. Bird provides a historical account of the doctrine of salvation from the Old Testament, to the epistles of Paul to the 20th-century.