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QUESTIONS

1. Briefly explain the term call/calling as discussed by Bird.
2. How does Bird describe regeneration?
3. How does Bird define faith?
4. How does Bird describe transformation?
5. Name seven images of salvation Bird discussed.

ANSWERS

1. According to Bird, the call is the outworking of God's electing purposes. It is not a general invitation for all people to believe in Jesus Christ. But it is what happens when the Holy Spirit moves in people's hearts as they hear the gospel and are brought to the point of conversion.

2. Bird states that regeneration refers to the new birth wrought by the Holy Spirit in a person. It is a triune act that involves restoring and re-creating a person from spiritual death to spiritual life. It entails cleansing and transforming the human heart so that one may believe in God, enjoy God, and produce fruit for God.

3. Bird defines faith as the act of entrusting oneself to the faithfulness of God in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. It includes assent, yet it also requires continuing trust, obedience, and allegiance, even if imperfect.

4. Transformation is the subjective and inward change of the believer. It is what began in regeneration, what is progressively realized in sanctification, and what will climax in our glorification into the image of Jesus Christ.

5. Bird talked about seven images of salvation: forgiveness, redemption, rescue, reconciliation, justification, peace, and adoption.

TERMS

Repentance: is more than an expression of sorrow for sins committed; it encompasses a change of verdict and turning one's self to God.

Glorification: represents the culmination of salvation. It is bringing Christians into a heavenly condition and dignity.

Justification: this is a divine act where an infinitely Holy God judicially declares a believing sinner righteous and acceptable before Him.

SUMMARY

In this section, Bird looks at the sequence of salvation, which he says occurs in this order, predestination, calling, regeneration, faith and repentance, justification, transformation, and glorification. Bird also examines qualifications for the order of salvation. He then discusses an array of images of salvation: forgiveness, redemption, rescue, reconciliation, justification, peace, and adoption.