

5-3-1 assignment: WEEK 7
and 5.4

5.3 : The Order of Salvation: The Logical Working of the Gospel
Images of Salvation: The Result of the Gospel

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is the Order of Salvation?
- 2) What is the history of Salvation?
- 3) What is the primary purpose of predestination?
- 4) What is the image of salvation used throughout the Bible?
- 5) Why does the image of salvation as a rescuer have two directions?

ANSWERS:

- 1) Paul in Romans chapter 8:29-30, explains that God has foreknowledge, he predestine, he calls, he justifies and he glorifies the believer. In that order.
- 2) God's initial intention to create a Christ shaped family, to renew humanity to model Christ.
- 3) A sense of assurance.
- 4) Forgiveness.
- 5) Rescue has two directions because we are rescued from evil, sin, death, judgment and we are rescued for good deeds for holy living.

Terms:

- 1) **Historia salutis:** Latin for the History of Salvation.
- 2) **Auto salutis:** human response to God's election which is faith and repentance.
- 3) **Repentance:** Exhibiting regret and turning your life around by 180 degrees.

Summary: In these chapters Bird continues to explain the history of salvation and the order of salvation. The order of salvation provides believer assurance of their salvation. The debate of the predestination doctrine between the Arminian and Calvinist emerges when people try to determine the cause and scope of that grace. Bird is a Calvinist. He favors the doctrine of predestination of salvation for some people and not for others. Bird discusses the seven order of salvation in full details, first is God's decision to elect his people; second is the the invitation to allow the Holy Spirit to move in your heat. Bird writes that this invitation is not a general invitation to accept heart into once heart. The third item of the order of salvation is the rebirth, the regeneration. The fourth item of salvation is our response (auto salutis) faith and repentance. The fifth item of the order of salvation is the Justification also known as forgiveness of sins. The sixth item of salvation is transformation or purification. The seven item is glorification. In chapter 5.4 Bird provides us with the different types of imagery for salvation. Some of the used in the bible to define Salvation are forgiveness, Justification, reconciliation, redemption, deliverance. Forgiveness Bird sates in the chief benefit of the cross.