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### Questions

1. What is meant by 'calling' in the *ordo salutis*?
2. How does Bird define faith in the *ordo salutis*?
3. Regarding the subjective and inward change referred to both as transformation and sanctification, what are the two aspects that are true of believers?
4. Why is Paul's use of the active voice for God's reconciliation important?
5. What is meant by justification as an image of salvation?

### Answers

1. *It represents the implementation of God's determined ahead of time plan mediated via the summons to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the outworking of God's electing purposes.*
2. *The act of entrusting oneself to the faithfulness of God in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Faith includes assent, yet it also requires continuing trust as well as obedience and allegiance, even if imperfect.*
3. *They are consecrated to God and by God (positional holiness) and they progress in holy living (processional holiness).*
4. *Because, for Paul, reconciliation starts with God, who reaches out in grace, it does not begin with the offending party reaching out for peace and forgiveness.*
5. *That God's verdict against us has been transformed into God's verdict for us. It explains how God, in the gospel, can offer to forgive the ungodly. That Christ bears our condemnation and we receive his vindication. It is shocking because he justifies the ungodly, not because his justice has been compromised but because it has been satisfied in the death of Christ.*

### Terms

**Manumission** - the release from slavery, to be set free

**Anathema** - someone or something that one vehemently dislikes; a formal cures by a pope or council of the church excommunicating a person or denouncing a doctrine.

**Antinomian** - of or relating to the view that Christians are released by grace from the obligation of observing the natural law.

### Summary

In this week's readings, Bird finishes up the *ordo salutis*, covering calling, regeneration, faith & repentance, justification, transformation and glorification. After finishing the order in which our salvation is worked, out, he covers various 'dimensions of the reality of salvation', acknowledging that while each of them is part of the 'kaleidoscope' of metaphors, none of them adequately explain the entirety of salvation. Bird covers forgiveness, redemption, rescue, reconciliation, justification, peace and adoption.