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Questions

1. What does redemption mean within the order of salvation?
2. What is transformation during salvation?
3. What was Martin Luther's "trinity of evil"
4. What is meant by justification?
5. What is the believer's glorification?

Answers

1. Redemption is part of the imagery and metaphors used when describing salvation. It draws on the idea of freedom from slavery by a substitutional sacrifice made by Jesus
2. Bird refers to transformation as the "subjective and inward change to the believer." This is what we would refer to as sanctification.
3. The "trinity of evil," according to Martin Luther was the world, the flesh, and the devil.
4. Justification is the change in the relationship between God and man when man is saved.
5. Glorification is being conformed to the image of God and it is the future hope of sharing in Christ's glory for all of eternity.

Terms

1. regeneration – The moment when the Holy Spirit brings spiritual life from spiritual death in a moment coincident with faith. (585)
2. adoption – attaining membership in God's family (625)
3. prevenient – prior, and anticipatory (Webster)

Summary

This section of Bird continued describing "the Ordo Salutis," the order of salvation found in Romans 8:29-30. This reading covered called, regeneration, justified, sanctified, and glorified. He shows how there is a flow moving from the lost, sinful man to one who eventually enters into the glory of God. There is action required on the parts of both God and man in the salvation process. He initiates, we respond.