

5-3-1 Assignment: Bird, 5.3.2 - 5.4.7
Due: March 1, 2023

QUESTIONS

1. What is the sequence of salvation?
2. What is “regeneration”?
3. According to Calvin, why did forgiveness have to occur?
4. According to Francis Watson, what are the 5 points of the NPP?
5. What are the categories of justification?

ANSWERS

1. According to Bird, the sequence of salvation is: predestination, regeneration, faith & repentance, justification, transformation, then finally glorification.
2. Regeneration refers to the new birth wrought by the Holy Spirit in a person. It involves restoring and recreating a person from spiritual death to spiritual life.
3. According to Calvin, forgiveness occurs because of Jesus’ name but primarily because of his blood. Jesus’ sacrificial death is what makes forgiveness possible.
4. According to Francis Watson, the 5 points of the NPP are: Total Travesty, Unconditional Election, Loyalty to the Law, Inclusive Salvation, and Perseverance.
5. The 5 categories that the author summarizes justification in are: forensic, eschatological, covenantal, effective, and trinitarian.

TERMS

- Ordo Salutis: (Latin: "order of salvation") refers to a series of conceptual steps within the Christian doctrine of salvation
- Epistḗphō: repentance, to revert (literally, figuratively or morally):—come (go) again, convert, (re-)turn (about, again)
- Covenantal nomism: in opposition to merit theology, is the belief that 1st century Jews in the land of Israel did not believe in works righteousness. Essentially, it is the belief that one is brought into the Abrahamic covenant through birth and stays in the covenant through works

SUMMARY

In the remainder of section 5.3, Bird goes into depth on topics such as calling, regeneration, faith and repentance, justification, transformation, and glorification. He ends the section with qualifications of the *ordo salutis*, literally translated to the order of salvation. The chapter title of 5.4 is Images of Salvation: the result of the gospel where Bird discusses forgiveness, redemption, rescue, reconciliation, justification, peace, and adoption. This section ends by discussing verses in James where we are justified by faith alone, but we are also judged by our works which are to be our “loving demonstrations of faith”.