

# Why Do We Believe *That?*

## Class I9 – The *Ordo Salutis*

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### The *Ordo Salutis* (The Order of Salvation)

1. Foreknowledge – Rom 8:29; 11:2; 1 Peter 1:2
2. Election – Acts 13:48; Rom 8:29; Eph 1:4-5, 11; *BC 16, CD I.7*
3. Effectual Calling and Regeneration
  - A. External Call – Matt 22:14; Acts 17:30; Rom 10:18-21; *CD II.5; III/IV.8*
  - B. Internal Call – Acts 13:48; Rom 8:30; 10:14-17; 11:29; Heb 4:2; *HC 65; BC 22; CD III/IV.10-11*
  - C. Regeneration – John 3:3; 1 Cor 12:3; Eph 2:1; *CD III/IV.12-17*
4. Faith and Repentance – John 3:16; Acts 10:43; Rom 3:22; Gal 2:16; 1 Pet 1:8; 1 John 3:23; *HC 21; 88; BC 22; CD III/IV.14*
5. Justification – Gen 15:6 (Rom 4:5; Gal 3:6); Hab 2:4 (Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11); Rom 3:24; *HC 60; BC 22-23*
6. Adoption – Rom 8:14-17; Gal 4:4-6; Heb 12:7; *HC 33*
7. Sanctification – Rom 7:24; Eph 2:8-10; James 2:14-17; *HC 86; 91; BC 24; CD V.1-5*
8. Glorification – John 3:16; Rom 8:17; 1 Peter 1:4; *HC 57-59; BC 37*

<p>Romans 8:29-30 For those whom he <b>foreknew</b> ① he also <b>predestined</b> ② to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also <b>called</b> ③, and those whom he called he also <b>justified</b> ⑤, and those whom he justified he also <b>glorified</b> ⑧.</p> <p>Hebrews 11:6 And without <b>faith</b> ④ it is impossible to <b>please him</b> ⑦, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.</p> <p>Ephesians 2:5-10 <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, <b>made us alive</b> ③ together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through <b>faith</b> ④. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for <b>good works</b> ⑦, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.</p> <p>Galatians 2:15-16, 20 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through <b>faith</b> ④ in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be <b>justified</b> ⑤ by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.... <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the <b>life I now live</b> ⑦ in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.</p> <p>Romans 10:14a How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to <b>believe</b> ④ in him of whom they have never <b>heard</b> ③? (<i>Comment: Paul is logically putting "hearing" before "believing"</i>)</p> <p>Ephesians 1:3-5, 13-14 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he <b>chose us in him</b> ② before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he <b>predestined</b> ② us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will... <sup>13</sup> In him you also, <b>when you heard</b> ③ the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and <b>believed</b> ④ in him, were <b>sealed with the promised Holy Spirit</b> ⑤⑥⑦, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our <b>inheritance</b> ⑧ until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.</p> <p>Romans 8:11-17 <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead <b>dwells in you</b> ③, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will <b>also give life</b> ③ to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. <sup>12</sup> ¶ So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you <b>put to death</b> ④ the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the <b>Spirit of adoption</b> ⑥ as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then <b>heirs</b> ⑧-- heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be <b>glorified</b> ⑧ with him.</p> <p>1 John 5:4 For everyone who has been <b>born of God</b> ③ overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-- <b>our faith</b> ④.</p>	<p>1. Foreknowledge</p> <p>2. Predestination</p> <p>3. Effectual Calling / Regeneration</p> <p>4. Faith / Repentance</p> <p>5. Justification</p> <p>6. Adoption</p> <p>7. Sanctification</p> <p>8. Glorification</p>
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The Logical Order of the Elements of our Salvation (*Ordo Salutis*) according to Scripture

	<i>Rom 8:29-30</i>	<i>Heb 11:6</i>	<i>Eph 2:1-10</i>	<i>Gal 2:15-20</i>	<i>Rom 10:14-17</i>	<i>Eph 1:3-14</i>
<i>Foreknowledge</i>	Foreknowledge					
<i>Election</i>	⇓					Predestined
Calling & Regeneration	Calling		Made alive		Calling	Heard the word
Faith & Repentance	⇓	Faith	Faith	Faith	Faith	Believed
Decree of Justification	Justification	⇓	⇓	Justification		⇓
Adoption				⇓		Adoption
Sanctification / Good works	⇓	Good works	Good works	Sanctification		⇓
Perseverance						
Glorification	Glorification					Inheritance

  

<i>Continued</i>	<i>Rom 8:8-17</i>	<i>John 3:3</i>	<i>John 3:16</i>	<i>1 John 2:29</i>	<i>1 John 5:1, 4</i>	<i>Acts2:37-38</i>
<i>Foreknowledge</i>						
<i>Election</i>						
Calling & Regeneration	Spirit dwells in you	Born again		Born again	Born of God	Cut to the heart
Faith & Repentance	⇓		Believe	⇓	Believes	Repent
Decree of Justification				⇓		
Adoption	Adoption	⇓	⇓			
Sanctification / Good works	⇓			Practice righteousness		
Perseverance						
Glorification	Heirs	See the Kingdom	Eternal life			