

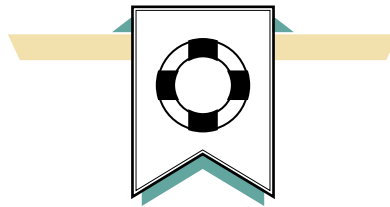
# SESSION 8

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## SOTERIOLOGY PT. 2

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{ > DOCTRINE OF SALVATION < }



## "Aspects of Sanctification"

Basic Meaning: "to set apart"	Related Words: "saints, sanctify, holy"	Basic Idea: God setting apart the believer for Himself
Aspect	Description	
Positional Sanctification	Position independent of spiritual growth and related to Christ's offering (death) (Heb. 10:10, 14).	
Progressive Sanctification	Process of being continually set apart to Christ over time and related to spiritual growth (1 Pet. 1:16).	
Ultimate Sanctification	Promise that is realized with the believer's glorification with a resurrection body and removal of the sin nature (1 Jn. 3:1-3; Jude 24).	

### Key Verses ("Aspects of Sanctification")

Hebrews 10:10, 14

*"And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ...<sup>14</sup> because by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy."*

1 Peter 1:16

*"...for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"*

1 John 3:1-3

*"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.<sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.<sup>3</sup> Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."*

Jude 24

*"To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—"*

## PART TWO : SOTERIOLOGY (VIII in Course Outline)

### I. SWEEP OF SALVATION

#### A. Freedom and Salvation

##### 1. From the penalty of sin : justification

Ephesians 2:8

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith —and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—"*

Romans 6:23

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

##### 2. From the power of sin : sanctification

###### a. Described :

1 Corinthians 6:11 (NLT)

*"Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."*

###### b. Aspects :

See chart, preceding page 206.

##### 3. From the presence of sin : glorification

Philippians 3:20-21 (NLT)

*"But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Savior. <sup>21</sup> He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which He will bring everything under His control."*

1 John 3:2 (AMP)

*"Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall [as God's children] resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He [really] is."*

- An "Insight" from Chuck Swindoll on "Grace" (Swindoll, The Grace Awakening, 57-58)

I never knew Lewis Sperry Chafer, the founder of the seminary I attended. He had died a few years before I began my theological studies in 1959. Some of my mentors and professors, however, knew him well. Without exception they still remember him as a man of great grace. He was an articulate defender of the doctrine and an authentic model of its application throughout his adult life, especially during his latter years. I sincerely regret never having known Dr. Chafer. I love the story one of my mentors tells of the time when this dear man of God had concluded his final lecture on grace. It was a hot afternoon in Dallas, Texas, that spring day in 1952. The aging professor (who taught that particular semester from a wheelchair) mopped the perspiration from his brow. No one in the class moved as the session ended. It was as though the young theologues were basking in what they had heard, awestruck with their professor's insights and enthusiasm about God's matchless grace. The gray-haired gentleman rolled his chair to the door, and as he flipped the light switch off, the class spontaneously broke into thunderous applause. As the beloved theologian wiped away his tears, head bowed, he lifted one hand, gesturing them to stop. He had one closing remark as he looked across the room with a gentle smile. Amidst deafening silence, he spoke softly, "Gentlemen, for over half my life I have been studying this truth . . . and I am just beginning to discover what the grace of God is all about." Within a matter of three short months, the stately champion of grace was ushered into his Lord's presence at the age of eighty-one. I seldom sing John Newton's eighteenth-century hymn "Amazing Grace" without remembering those final words of that giant of grace:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

- *"For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them —yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.<sup>11</sup> Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed."* (1 Cor. 15:9-11)

## B. God's Motives and Salvation

1. Salvation clearly demonstrates His love.

John 3:16

*"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

Romans 5:8

*"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

2. Salvation clearly demonstrates His lavish grace throughout all eternity.

Ephesians 2:7 (NLT)

*"So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of His grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all He has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus."*

3. Salvation clearly demonstrates His desire for our good works.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."*

### **Grace**

"God's dealing with man in undeserved ways; it is simply an outflow of God's goodness and generosity"

(Erickson, CDCT, 68)

"By grace you are saved..."

(Apostle Paul - Eph. 2)

# "The Salvation Arch"

(and the Dilemma of Election)

## From the Unbeliever's Side :

An archway of salvation lies before all of mankind. Over the top of the arch is written in bold letters, "WHOSOEVER WILL."

John 3:16 (KJV)

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

## From the Believer's Side :

Once a person believes (trusts) in Christ for salvation, i.e. passes by faith through the arch, then looking back, the top of the arch reads, "CHOSEN IN HIM."

Ephesians 1:4 (KJV)

*"just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love..."*

### "Privileges of Adoption"

1. Placed into a new family (Jn. 1:12). (No longer "children of wrath"; now God's family [Eph. 2:3])
2. Freed from former relationships, particularly the Law (Gal. 4:5).
3. Privileged with full rights in God's family (Ro. 8:15).

## II. MAJOR THEMES FOR SALVATION

### A. Election

#### 1. Defined :

"God's pretemporal choice of those who would be saved"  
(Ryrie, BT, 535).

"God's decision in choosing a special group or certain persons  
for salvation or service" (Erickson, CDCT, 48)

#### 2. Described (Biblically) :

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NASB)

*"just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,  
that we would be holy and blameless before Him."*

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NLT)

*"As for us, we can't help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters  
loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God chose you to be among  
the first to experience salvation—a salvation that came through the Spirit  
who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth."*

### B. Adoption

#### 1. Defined :

"That part of salvation in which God receives the estranged sinner  
back into the relationship and benefits of being his child:  
(Erickson, CDCT, 10).

#### 2. Described (Biblically) :

John 1:12 (NASB)

*"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become  
children of God, even to those who believe in His name."*

Romans 8:15-17(NLT)

*"So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead,  
you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now  
we call him, 'Abba, Father.'<sup>16</sup> For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm  
that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> And since we are His children, we are His  
heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are  
to share His glory, we must also share His suffering."*

# "Regeneration and Faith"

## The Issue:

Does the total depravity (total inability) of sinful man require regeneration before faith can be exercised? The Reformed statement of the "ordo salutis" (order of salvation) argues that since the sinner is "dead in trespasses and sin" (Eph. 2), he is incapable of faith (like throwing a life-buoy to a floating corpse). But nowhere in the Scriptures can this be clearly found. Further, if new life (regeneration) is given before belief, then why should the sinner believe?

Lightner (Sin, the Savior and Salvation, 220) argues as follows:

Some insist that regeneration precedes faith. They do so because they believe if it does not, total depravity is denied. In this view, faith does not result in regeneration, but springs from it. Repentance and faith are not considered as human capabilities prior to regeneration. Such reasoning fits the five-point Calvinistic system. The question is, however, what does the Bible teach about the relationship of faith to regeneration? There is no text which declares that faith results from regeneration, that regeneration comes before faith. It is always stated the other way. Humans are called on to exercise faith, to believe, to trust, in the Savior and His finished work to receive eternal life. Never are they told to believe because they have already received new life. The universal offer of the Gospel, the call to sinners to believe and receive eternal life, is not in conflict with total depravity. The Bible teaches both. At the same time that the Spirit works efficaciously, the sinner is enabled to believe, meeting God's requirement for salvation and receiving eternal life.

Walvoord adds:

"The normal pattern for 'regeneration' is that it occurs at the moment of saving faith. No appeal is ever addressed to men that they should believe because they are already regenerated. It is rather that they should believe and receive eternal life. Christians are definitely told that before they accepted Christ they were 'dead in trespasses and sin' (Eph. 2:1, A.V.)."  
(Walvoord, The Holy Spirit, 135)



### C. Regeneration

#### 1. Defined:

"The work of God which gives new life to the one who believes"  
(Ryrie, SB, 537).

See comments on "Regeneration and Faith", page 212.

#### 2. Described (Biblically)

Titus 3:5 (NASB)

*"He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit."*

Titus 3:5 (NLT)

*"He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit."*

### III. BENEFITS OF SALVATION

#### A. Salvation Makes Us Acceptable Before God

1. We are redeemed (Romans 3:24).
2. We are reconciled (2 Corinthians 5:19-21).
3. We are forgiven.

Ephesians 1:7

*"In Him we have redemption through His blood, **the forgiveness of sins**, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."*

Romans 3:25 (NLT)

*"For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when He held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past,"*

#### 4. We are justified.

- a. Meaning : to be declared righteous; to be acquitted of the verdict of condemnation.

#### b. Biblical support

(1) Romans 3:24

*"and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."*

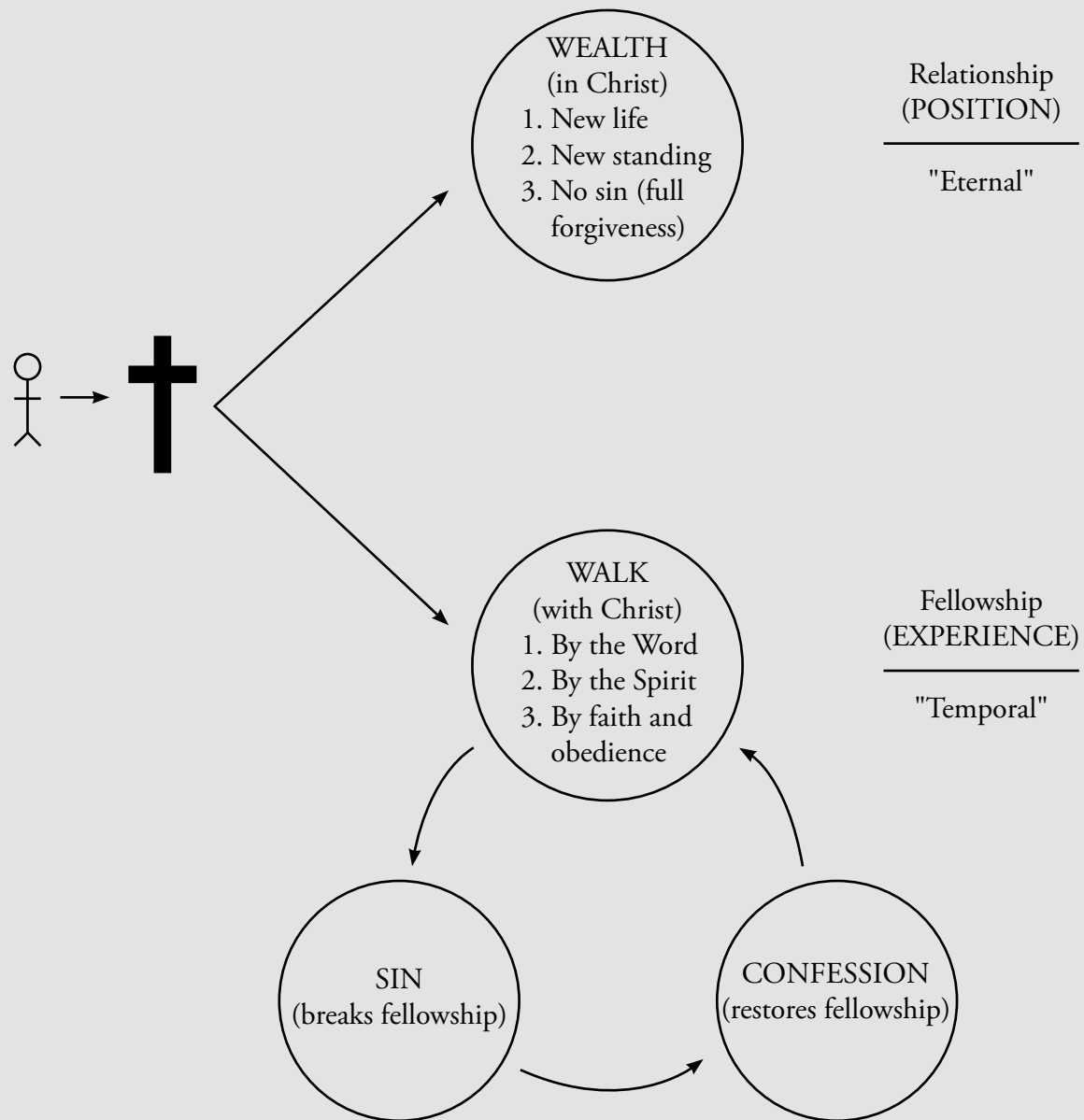
(2) Romans 5:1(NLT)

*"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us."*

(3) Romans 8:1

*"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,"*

# "The Believer's Position in Christ"



## B. Salvation Brings Us a New Position

1. We have a new citizenship.

Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

*"But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Savior."*

2. We have a new family.

Ephesians 2:19

*"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,"*

3. We have a new calling : a special priesthood.

1 Peter 2:5, 9 (NLT)

*"And you are living stones that God is building into His spiritual temple. What's more, you are His holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for He called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light."*

4. We have a new standing : adoption.

Galatians 4:5 (NLT)

*"God sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own children."*

5. We have a new inheritance.

1 Peter 1:3-4

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade —kept in heaven for you,"*

Ephesians 1:13-14 (AMP)

*"In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit. <sup>14</sup> That [Spirit] is the guarantee of our inheritance [the firstfruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage], in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring [complete] possession of it—to the praise of His glory."*

Romans 10:13

*"For the Scripture says, whoever believes in  
Him will not be disappointed."*

"I know not how this saving faith  
To me He did impart,  
Nor how believing in His Word  
Wrought peace within my heart.

But 'I know whom I have believed,  
And am persuaded that he is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day.'"

Daniel W. Whittle

### C. Salvation Empowers Us to a New Life

1. We no longer must live a life of sin.

Romans 6:14 (NLT)

*"Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace."*

2. We now live by the presence of Christ within.

Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

*"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

Romans 8:9-11 (NLT)

*"But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to Him at all.) <sup>10</sup> And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. <sup>11</sup> The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."*

Galatians 5:25

*"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."*

Galatians 5:25 (NLT)

*"Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives."*

# Application Of Salvation

(The following booklet material is produced by Dallas Theological Seminary, 1971, 1978)

## "How to Have a Happy & Meaningful Life"

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### *Some people feel*

that a happy and meaningful life consists of:

- **a good time**
- **friends**
- **lots of money**
- **doing something worthwhile**
- **getting to the top**

All of these make sense...

*but*

we all know people who have these things and still feel empty.

*Why?*

They started at the wrong place.

# ***1 A happy and meaningful life begins with God!***

Jesus said,

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Jesus also said,

"I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Augustine observed,

"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and the heart of man is restless until it finds its rest in Thee."

According to the Bible, look what God offers you:

- Love – Someone who cares about you.
- Security – Someone who cares about what happens to you.
- Peace – Someone who cares about your problems.
- Purpose – Someone who cares about whether your life counts.
- Eternal Destiny – Someone who cares about your future.

***unfortunately...***

# ***2 Man's sin has separated him from God.***

The Bible says :

"All of us, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned, everyone of us, to his own way..." Isaiah 53:6

"Your sins have been a barrier between you and your God." Isaiah 59:2

According to the Bible sin is:

- Failure to be what God wants us to be
- Failure to do what God wants us to do

Obviously then, all of us have sinned. Consciously or unconsciously we have rebelled against God. That's not all. The penalty of sin is death. God is righteous so God must judge man's sin.

As long as sin separates us from God, you see, we cannot enjoy the happy and meaningful life God wants us to have.

***fortunately...***

### **3** *God loves you very much! He gave Jesus Christ, His Son, to take away your sin.*

The Bible says,

"God showed His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"Christ died for our sins... and arose again the third day." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

God is satisfied with what Jesus Christ has done.  
Now He is completely free to forgive you, and to offer  
you a happy and meaningful life with Him.

Jesus Christ has removed the barrier of sin through His death.

***However, you have ONE responsibility...***

### **4** *To enter into a happy and meaningful life, you must turn to God by trusting Jesus Christ to forgive your sins.*

Look at what the Bible tells us:

"Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me." John 14:6

"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." Acts 16:31

"Being justified (set right with God) by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

***But what is faith?***

We exercise faith when we:

- Depend on a doctor
- Trust in a lawyer
- Believe in a friend

Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, is trusting Him to forgive your sins and to bring you into a right relationship with God.



## ***Let's review...***

You know that...

1. Life begins with God.
2. Your sin has separated you from God.
3. Jesus Christ paid the penalty for your sin.

The only thing God asks you to do:

4. Trust the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive your sins so that you may begin a happy and meaningful life with God.

## ***Wouldn't you like to trust Jesus Christ to forgive your sins right now?***

**You may want to use this prayer to express your decision:**

"Dear Father, I admit that I am a sinner. I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for me. I trust Jesus Christ to forgive my sins right now. Let me start a new and meaningful life with you today. Amen."

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## **To realize fully the happy and meaningful life you need to grow in Christ. Here are some suggestions for spiritual growth:**

You need to study the Bible daily to become aware of what God wants to do for you and with you. (1 Peter 2:2)

As a Christian, Christ's Spirit now indwells you. Power to do what the Word of God says comes as you rely on the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:16)

Prayer is another vital part of a happy and meaningful life. Speak to God often about your needs. (Philippians 4:6, 7)

One more thing. It's difficult to be a Christian alone. Meet with others who have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ in a church where the Bible is taught. (Hebrews 10:25)

