

# Theology 101

## Salvation

- I. The Need for Salvation
  - A. Every man is a sinner - Romans 3:23
  - B. Every man is therefore under God's condemnation - Romans 6:23
  - C. Man, in and of Himself, cannot merit his own salvation - Ephesians 2:8,9
- II. The Purchase and Offer of Salvation
  - A. Christ bore our sins on the cross and satisfied the requirements of God's justice - Isaiah 53:11
  - B. Christ died for the sins of all men - 1 John 2:2
  - C. Offered to all men - Acts 17:30, II Peter 3:9
- III. Elements of Salvation from the Human side
  - A. Note - these have no saving power as man cannot save himself.
  - B. Confession of sin
    - 1. Admission of guilt and acknowledgement of sentence - Romans 3:23a, 6:23
  - C. Repentance
    - 1. Turning of direction or mind to trusting on Christ - Acts 17:30
  - D. Faith
    - 1. Believing on Christ and His power to save - Romans 10:9, Hebrews 11:6
  - E. Acceptance
    - 1. Receiving the gift of Salvation that Christ has purchased and provided - Romans 6:23b
- IV. Elements of Salvation from the Divine side
  - A. Election
    - 1. "By election we mean that sovereign act of God in grace whereby He chose in Christ Jesus for salvation all those whom He foreknew would accept Him." - Thiessen
    - 2. Romans 8:29,30
    - 3. Extreme views on this doctrine will state that God actually chooses each individual person who will be saved. These systems go by various names including Reformed or Calvinism.
  - B. Justification
    - 1. The act of God whereby a sinner that is under condemnation is declared to be just.
    - 2. Being made "just as if I'd" never sinned.
    - 3. Romans 3:24-26
  - C. Regeneration
    - 1. The new life or new nature that is given to man by God
    - 2. John 3:5
  - D. Adoption
    - 1. Being placed as child and heir in the family of God
    - 2. Galatians 4:5
  - E. Sanctification

1. The act and process by which we are both declared to be saints and grow to be more like Christ.
  2. I Corinthians 6:11, Romans 6:11-12
- V. The Method of Salvation
- A. First, we must confess that we are sinners - Romans 3:10,23
  - B. Second, we must realize the penalty for our sins - Romans 6:23
  - C. Third, we must accept Christ's payment and promise - Romans 6:23
  - D. Fourth, we must claim salvation by our faith - Romans 10:9,13
- VI. The Security of Salvation
- A. It's a "know so" salvation - I John 5:13
  - B. We are in the grip of the Father and the Son, and sealed by the Spirit - John 10:28-29, Ephesians 1:13-14
  - C. It is in the power of God and not ours - Jude 24
  - D. Nothing can separate us from the love of God - Romans 8:38-39