

WHAT IS REFORMED THEOLOGY?

Basics of Our Faith

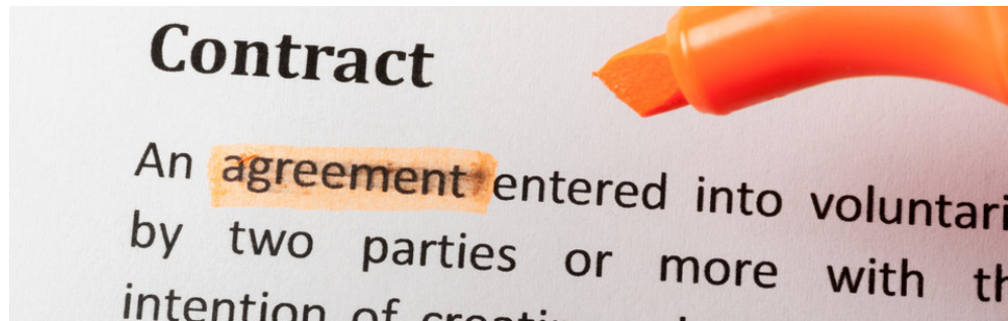




ORDO SALUTIS (ORDER OF SALVATION)

Week 4

REVIEW: WHAT IS A COVENANT?



- An Agreement
- A Relationship
- More than a promise
- An Oath-Bound Promise
- “*A bond in blood sovereignly administered*”



REVIEW: ELEMENTS OF A COVENANT

1. Parties
2. Condition
3. Promise or Blessing
4. Penalty or Curse



REVIEW: COVENANT OF WORKS

1. God and Adam – *Adam represents all men*
2. Obedience – *Perfect, personal obedience*
3. Eternal Life – *Communion with God forever*
4. Death – *Spiritual, physical, judicial*



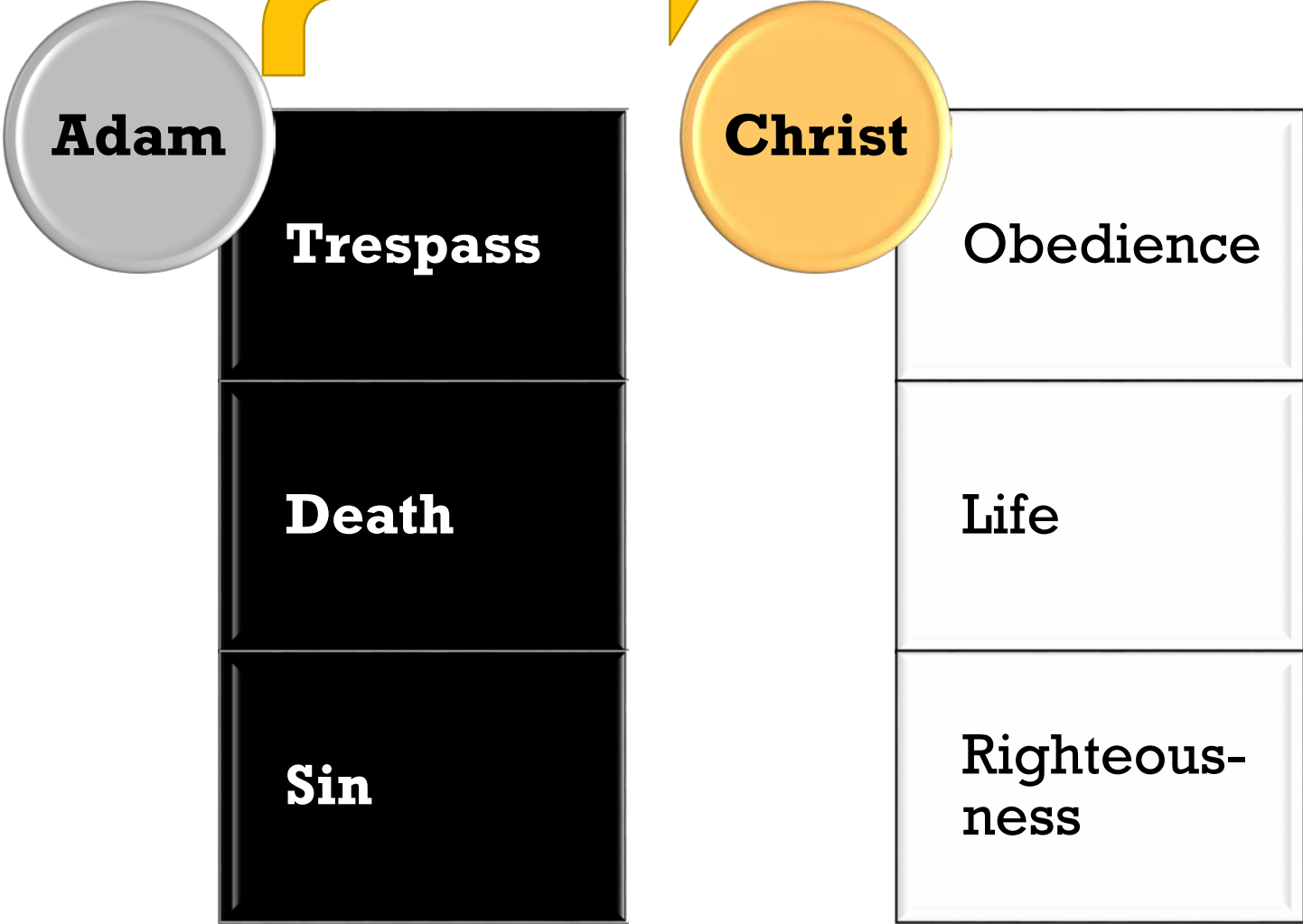
REVIEW: COVENANT OF GRACE

1. Parties
2. Condition
3. Promise/Blessing
4. Penalty/Curse

1. God and Christ
2. Faith in Christ
3. God is our God
Forgiveness of sins
4. God always fulfills!



REVIEW: EFFECT OF GRACE



SALVATION AND COVENANT

- **Salvation is in the context of a relationship**
- **Salvation is about more than what is done to us, or even for us**
- **It is about being united with Christ**



DEFINITION OF THE ORDO SALUTIS

- “The *ordo salutis* is the theological doctrine that deals with the logical sequencing of the benefits of redemption as we are united to Christ which are applied to us by the Holy Spirit.”



UNION WITH CHRIST

- “Union with Christ is really the central truth of the whole doctrine of salvation not only in its application but also in its once-for-all accomplishment in the finished work of Christ.” (John Murray, *RAA*, p. 161)



UNION WITH CHRIST

- The key biblical phrase is “in Christ”:
- Ephesians 1:3-4 election in Christ
- Ephesians 1:7 redemption in Christ
- Ephesians 2:10 new creation in Christ



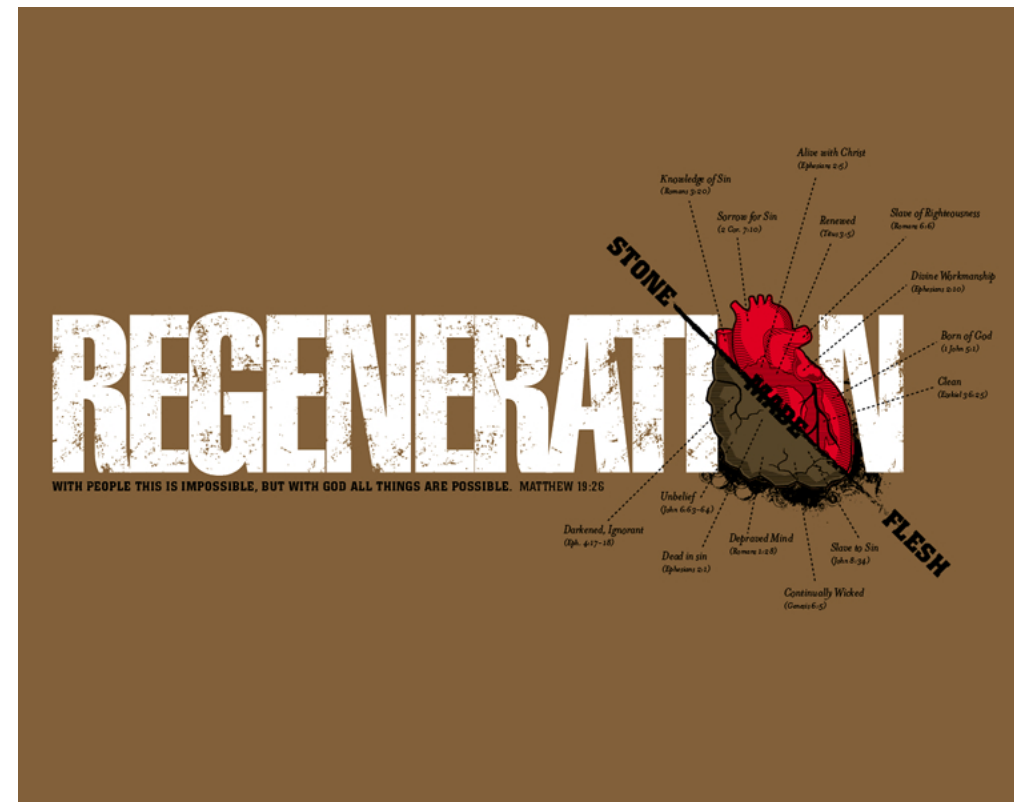
TWO ASPECTS OF SALVATION

- **Historia Salutis**
- **Historical aspect**
- **Death-Burial-Resurrection**
- **1 Cor. 15:3;
Rom. 4:24-25)**
- **Ordo Salutis**
- **Logical Aspect**
- **Order of Salvation**



MAIN POINT OF CONTENTION

- Which comes first:
faith or
regeneration?



WHAT ARE THEY?

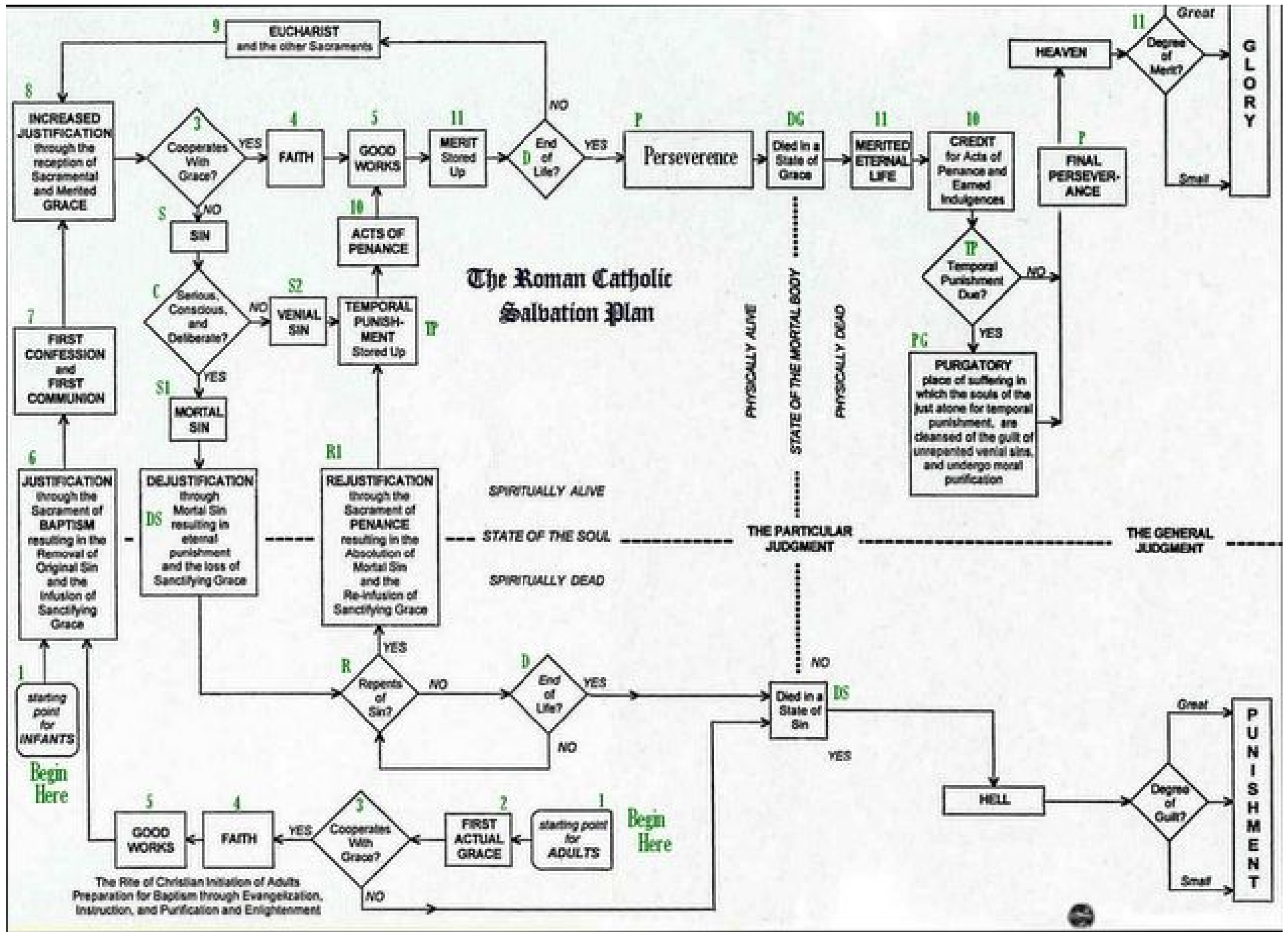
Regeneration

- John 1:13
- John 6:44; 6:63-64
- John 3:1-10
- Eph. 2:1-5; Col. 2:13
- Ezekiel 36

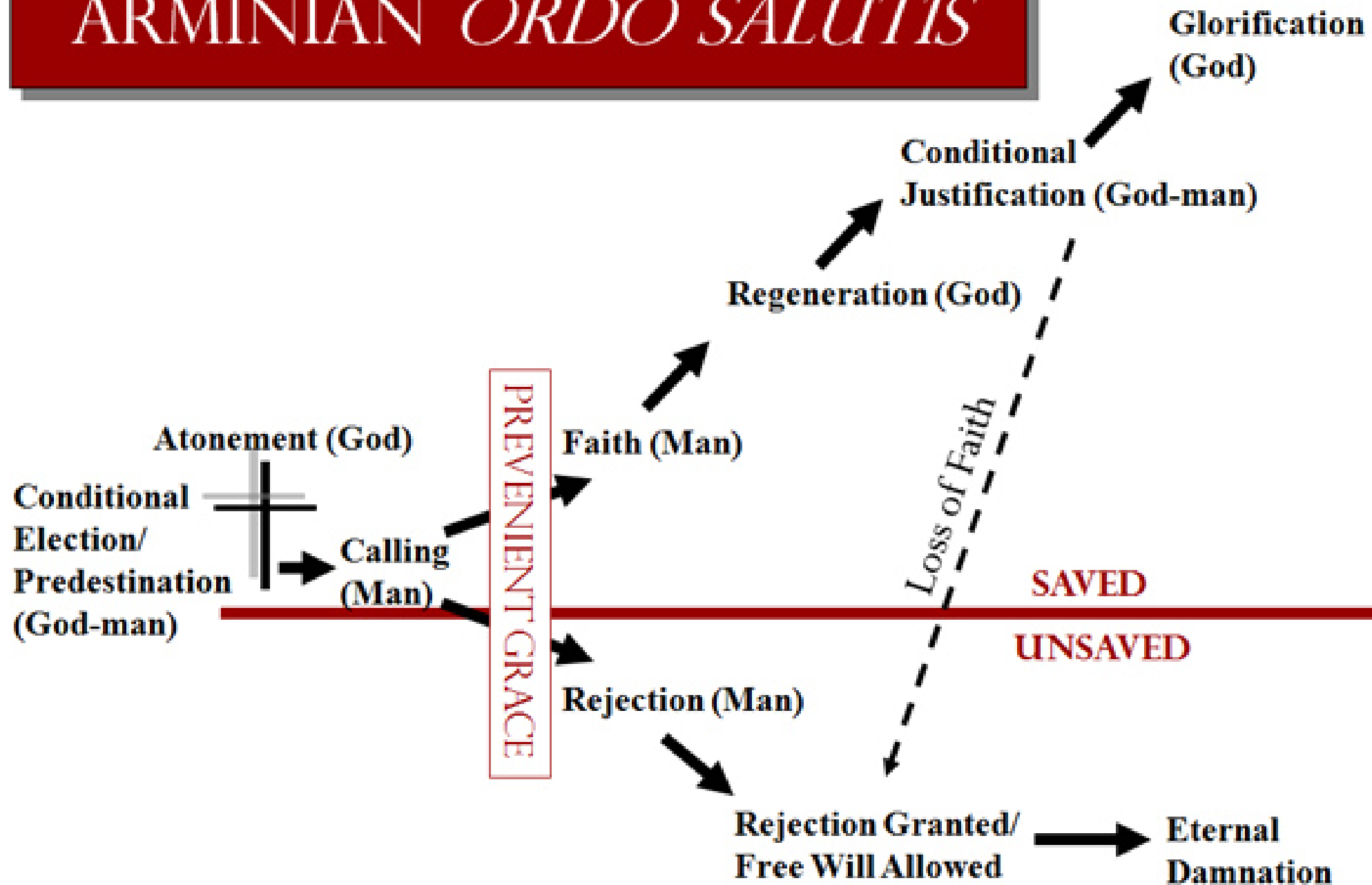
Faith

- Knowledge
- Assent
- Trust





ARMINIAN *ORDO SALUTIS*



THE GOLDEN CHAIN: ROMANS 8:28-30



SALVATION

We are...



Chosen



Called



Given new life



Converted



Justified



Adopted



Sanctified (still happening)



Glorified (not yet)

**HOW
SALVATION
COMES TO US**



Ordo salutis

"order of salvation" | what God does to save me | (start at the bottom)

glorified

God will remove all trace of sin, and give me a body clothed in immortality that reflects his glory

preserved

God keeps me secure in my salvation, so nothing and no-one can ever snatch me from his hand

sanctified

God set me apart for his service, through which I am transformed into the image of Jesus

adopted

God included me in his family, giving me the full rights of a beloved son and heir.

justified

God credited to me all the righteousness of Christ, removing forever all the guilt of my sin.

converted

The Holy Spirit enabled me to respond to the call of the Gospel in repentance and faith.

regenerated

The Holy Spirit softened my heart, and made me willing to accept his call.

called

God called me to himself through the proclamation of the Gospel.

predestined

God set in motion his plan to bring me to my destiny: to be his adopted child.

elected

God unconditionally chose me to be one of many who would be redeemed by his Son.

foreknown

before he made the world, God planned to create me in his image, so that I may know him.

WHAT GOD GIVES US



HELPFUL CHART

Ordo Salutis

"Ordo salutis" is Latin for "the order of salvation," which refers to the sequence of conceptual steps involved in the salvation of the Christian. The sequence is meant to be logical instead of chronological; some steps occur sequentially while others occur instantaneously. What follows is a classically Reformed understanding of the way in which God saves his people.

Hint: Begin at the bottom.



NEXT WEEK:

- The *Ordo Salutis* 2
- Fancy Latin for:
“*the order of salvation*”

