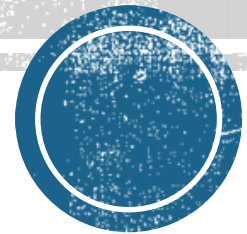


WHAT IS REFORMED THEOLOGY?

Basics of Our Faith



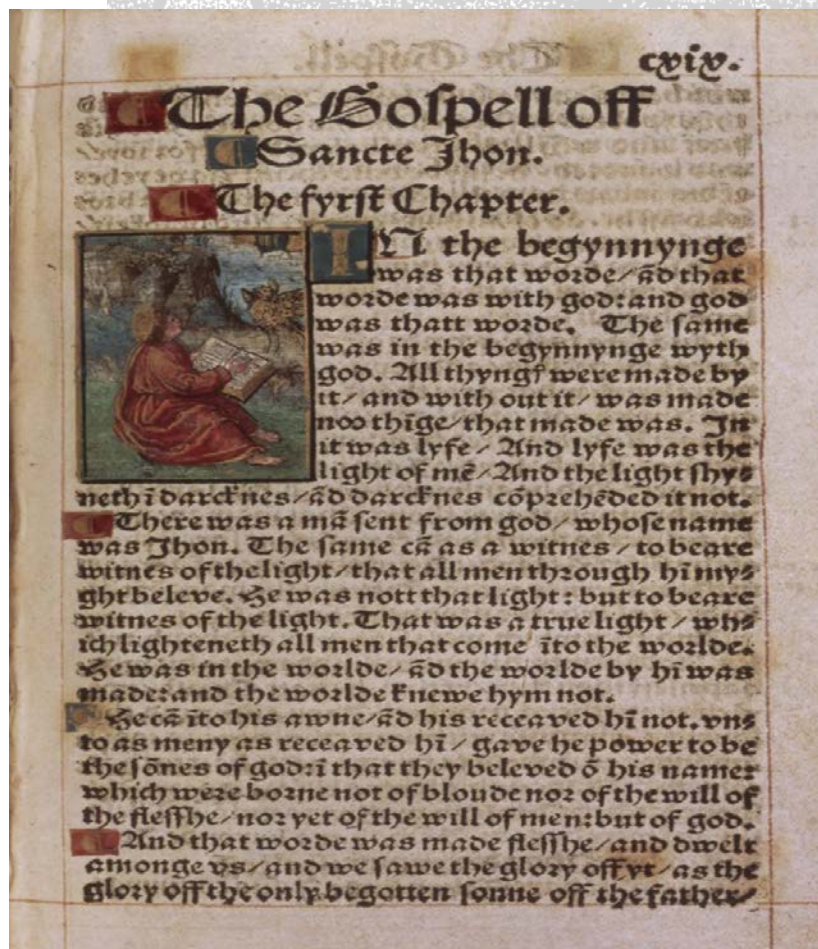


ORDO SALUTIS II (ORDER OF SALVATION)

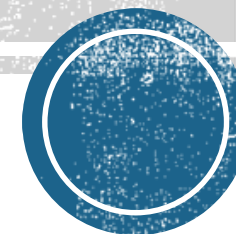
Week 6

Outline

Class plan



- Definitions in Theology.
- Reformed theology is systematic
- Sola Scriptura
- Covenant Theology
- Faith Alone
- ***Ordo salutis***
- Five points of Calvinism
- The Church
- Worship
- Baptism
- The Lord's Supper



13 weeks plan

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.

ORDO SALUTIS

- Salvation is done for us
- Ordo: Logical sequencing
- Benefits of redemption
- Union with Christ:
 - Applied by God
 - Once-for-all



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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.



Glorification

God will finally remove all trace of sin from the Christian and give him a resurrection body.



Perseverance

All those who are justified will be kept by God's power and persevere as Christians to the end of their lives.



Sanctification

A progressive, lifelong work of God and man that frees us from sin and makes us more like Christ.



Adoption

An act of God in which he makes us members of his family.



Justification

An instantaneous legal act of God in which he declares that our sins are forgiven and Christ's righteousness is ours.



Conversion

We willingly respond to the gospel call, repenting of sin and placing faith in Christ for salvation.



Regeneration

God secretly and sovereignly imparts spiritual life to those who have been called.



Calling

God summons people to himself through the human proclamation of the gospel so they respond in saving faith.



Election

Before creation, because of his sovereign good pleasure, God chooses some people to be saved.



THE ORDER

- Predestination precedes calling
- Only predestined people will receive the calling and will be justified
- Only predestined will have faith



THE ORDER

- Faith is required for salvation, but not for election
- Foreknew and foreloved
- “Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated” (Rom. 9:10-16)



ELECTION AND PREDESTINATION

- According to His will (WCF 3.3-5)
- Eph. 1:3-5
- Arbitrary or good pleasure?
- John 6:44 and Eph. 2:8-10
- Double predestination: positive and negative (giving or withholding grace)



EFFECTUAL CALLING



- “Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin & misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the Gospel.”
(WSC 31)



EFFECTUAL CALLING

- “We are all born pelagian”
- Regeneration precedes faith
- Irresistible grace (WCF 10.1)
- Operative vs. cooperative grace
- God intends and does: turn spiritual death onto spiritual life
- Holy Spirit’s inward or secret operation on the soul: hearts are made alive!

- Grace is irresistible
- Man becomes a new creature



JUSTIFICATION



- “Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.” (WSC 33)



JUSTIFICATION

- Faith precedes Justification (even when they occur simultaneously)
- Analytical vs. Synthetical: Declared just or justice imputed
- Judicially declared just
- Actually, it is double imputation!
- Roman Catholic: judicial fallacy...



JUSTIFICATION

From Sproul's "What is Reformed Theology?"

Study the differences to understand the truth!

John 6:47 "I tell you the truth, he who believes **has** everlasting life"

➡ Not good works, but faith redeems us

Table 3.2

Justification

Roman Catholic View	Reformed View
Instrumental cause: baptism	Instrumental cause: faith
Infused righteousness	Imputed righteousness
Inherent righteousness	Alien righteousness
Analytical justification	Synthetic justification
Grace plus merit	Grace alone
Faith plus works	Faith alone
Christ's righteousness plus ours	Christ's righteousness alone
No assurance of salvation	Assurance of salvation

ADOPTION



- “Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.” (WSC 34)



SANCTIFICATION



- “Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.” (WSC 35)



SANCTIFICATION



- WCF 13, 16 and 18.3
- We are still able to sin, but in grace, able to mortify the flesh
- Grace and the Law guide and help believers to please God
- Believers grow in grace and perfect holiness in the fear of God



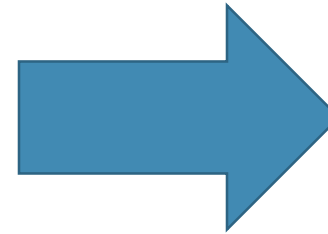
GLORIFICATION

- Non posse peccare
- Enjoying God completely
- Chief end of man fulfilled
- Resurrected, in glorious body, seeing God face to face and enjoying Him forever!



CONCLUSION

- We are saved by Christ's merits
- By believing Scripture
- By Grace, through faith alone
- In Christ alone
- For the glory of God alone



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NEXT WEEK:

- **Five points of Calvinism**

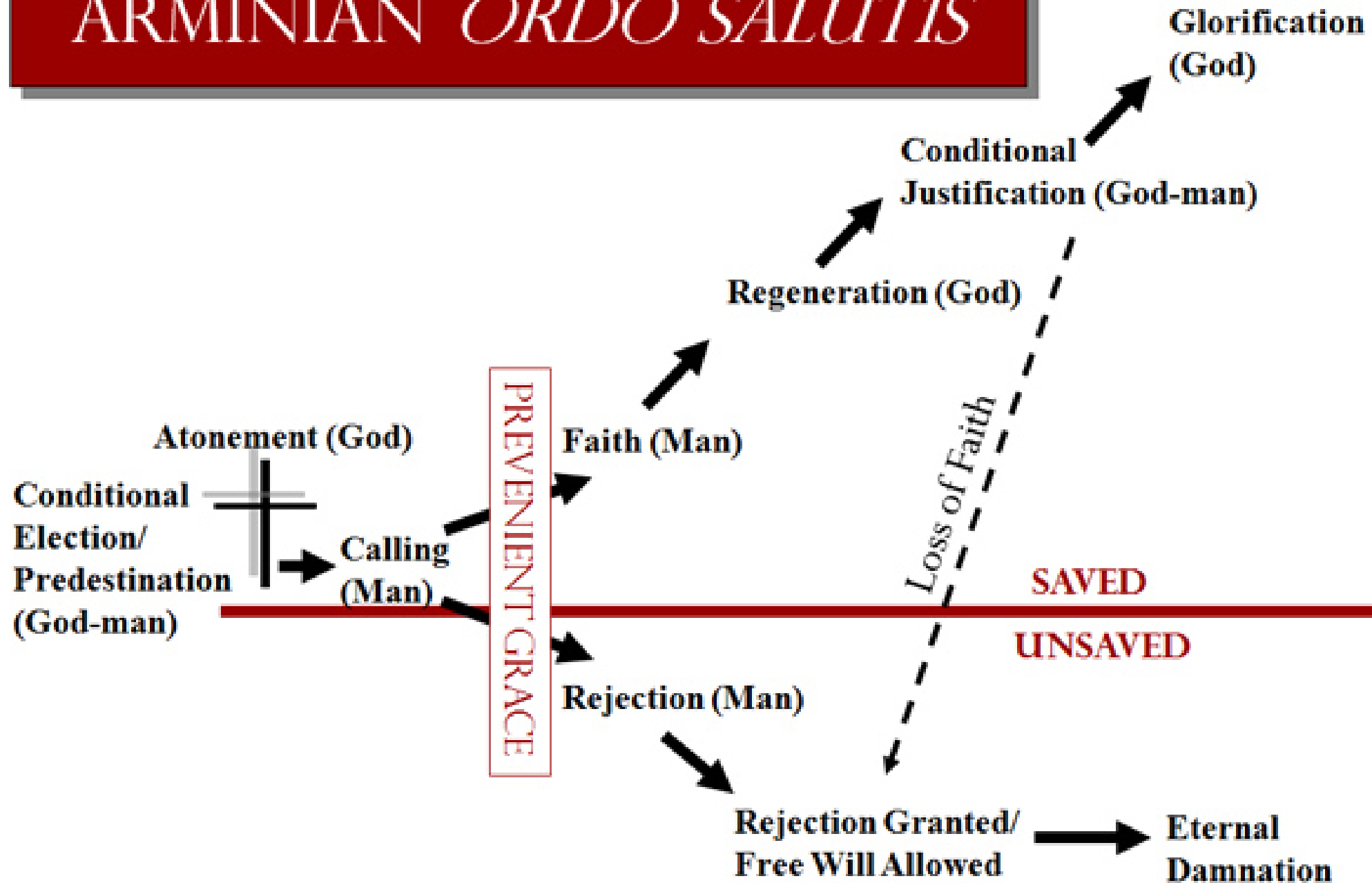


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**Happy 4th
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