

25 June 2023 -- Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“The Theology of Ephesians: Salvation by Grace Alone through Faith Alone
by Christ Alone” (Part 2) -- Ephesians 2:8-9

1. What does salvation mean in the Bible?
2. What does the “order of salvation” mean?
3. For extra credit: What is the Latin phrase that is used for the “order of salvation”?
4. What is the benefit of using the “order of salvation” when discussing and studying the doctrine of salvation?
5. What caution(s) should be observed when discussing and understanding the “order of salvation”?
6. With which aspect do most presentations of the “order of salvation” begin? What is this? Where does Ephesians indicate this?
7. What does this first aspect of salvation signify?
8. What is the next aspect in the application of salvation? What is this? Where does Ephesians teach this?
9. Why is it important to place this aspect first in the application of salvation?
10. What happens to your will and understanding in regeneration?
11. What is conversion? What is the positive side of conversion? What is the negative side of conversion?
12. Where in Ephesians is conversion seen in its positive and negative aspects?
13. Is faith and repentance only a one-time event in the life of the Christian? Why or why not?
14. When a person exercises faith by professing faith in Christ, what is the next aspect of salvation that occurs? What is this? Where do we see this aspect in Ephesians?
15. What are the two main aspects of justification?
16. Is justification a process? Why or why not?
17. What part does faith play in justification?
18. Where does Scripture teach justification *by faith alone*?
19. Can you earn your justification? Why or why not?
20. What happens next when a sinner is justified? What is this? Where is this in Ephesians?

21. What does adoption imply about humanity as a whole in terms of being children of God?
22. What is the term for that aspect of salvation that is ongoing all through life? What is this? Where is this found in Ephesians?
23. Will you ever be sinlessly perfect in this life? Why or why not?
24. What is the final aspect of salvation called? What is this? Where is this seen in Ephesians?
25. If you are elect, have you been saved forever?
26. What is the Biblical relationship between regeneration and faith that the Reformed emphasize in the “order of salvation”? Why is this important?
27. Do all Christians convert to Christ, or do only notorious sinners convert?
28. What might conversion look like in a covenant child raised to believe in Christ from infancy?
29. What Old Testament persons illustrate justification by faith alone?
30. What is the ground (basis) of a believer’s justification?
31. What privileges do you have as a child of God?
32. How does sanctification differ from justification?
33. Is sanctification ever completed or finished in this life? Why or why not?
34. How do you know that you are making progress in becoming more holy?
35. How do you become more sanctified?
36. When you are glorified and no longer able to sin, will you be free, or will you be programmed like a robot?
37. Should escaping hell be a motivation in seeking salvation? Why or why not?