

The Five Solas of the Reformation

SOLA SCRIPTURA
SOLA GRATIA
SOLA FIDE
SOLUS CHRISTUS
SOLI DEO GLORIA

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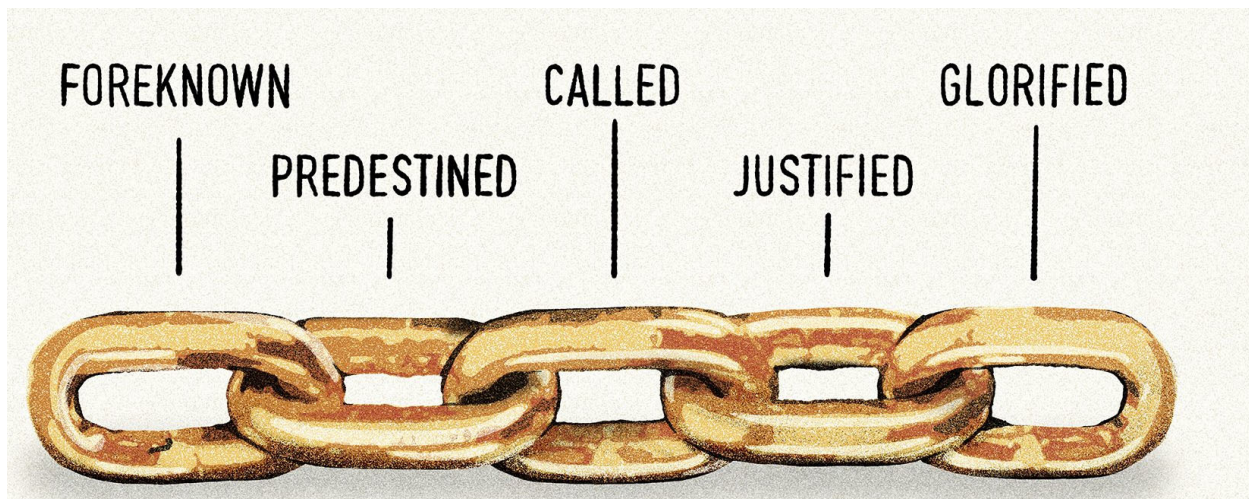
When does God give us the grace of salvation?

What happens to a person at conversion?

What happens after conversion?

When does God give us the grace of salvation?

²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (Rom 8:29 - 30)



Foreknew



Predestined



Called



Justified

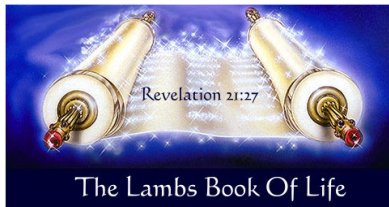


Glorified

*Pre-determined,
Fore - loved*

*Mark out
beforehand*

*"Joseph 'knew' her not until she had
given birth to a son" (Mat 1:25)*



Creation

Consummation

Time and space

And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” (John 6:65)

Sovereign
God's election

grant elects to come



I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, (John 10:14)



And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. (John 10:16)

Before you believed, you **already belonged**

Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.” (John 8:47)

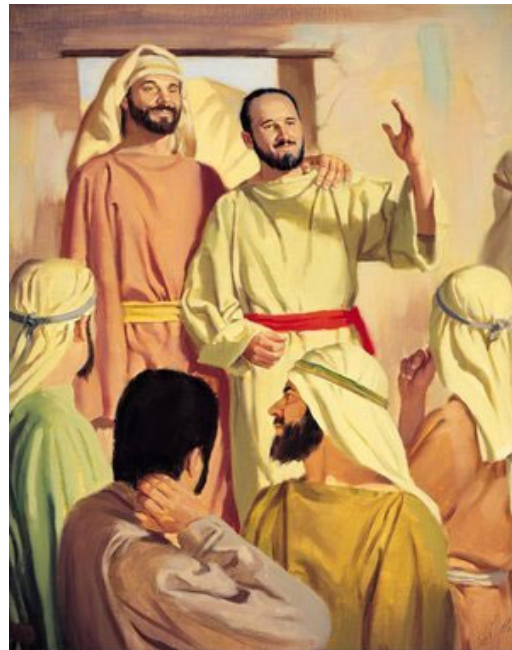


Before you believed, you **already belonged**

And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. (Acts 13:48)

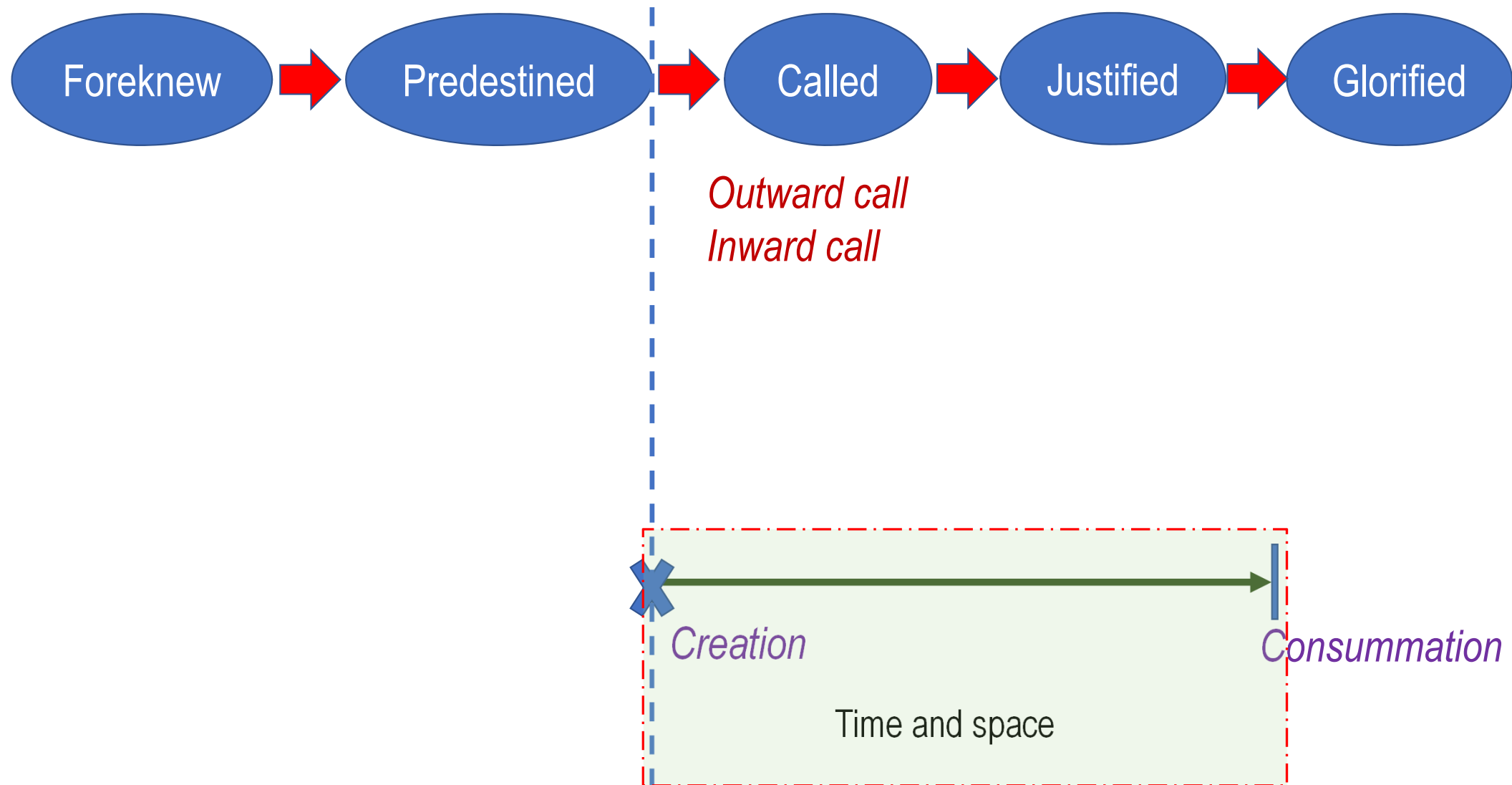
Appointed in
eternity past

(cause)



Result in
saving faith

(effect)



To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (John 10:3)

*The Shepherd initiates the specific call,
then the sheep responds*

Grace of call

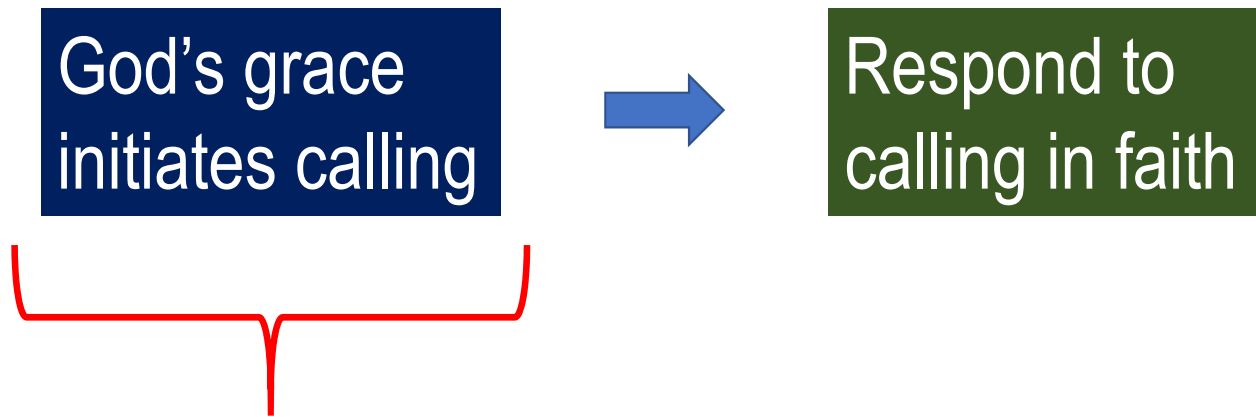


Respond in faith



My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)

- *Jesus Christ*
- *Believing in Christ*



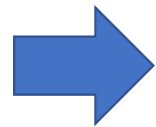
Outward call – The Spirit brings the word to us

Inward call – The Spirit's regeneration

Outward call

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” (Rom 10:14-15)

God sent preachers



*Preachers
preach the word*



Hearers believe

Inward call

Fully dead, unresponsive

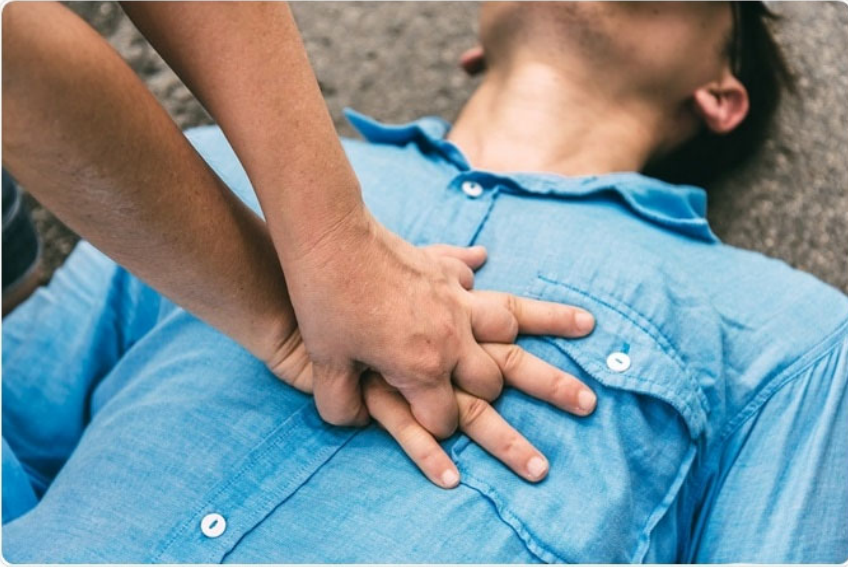
And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, (Col 2:13)



Regeneration

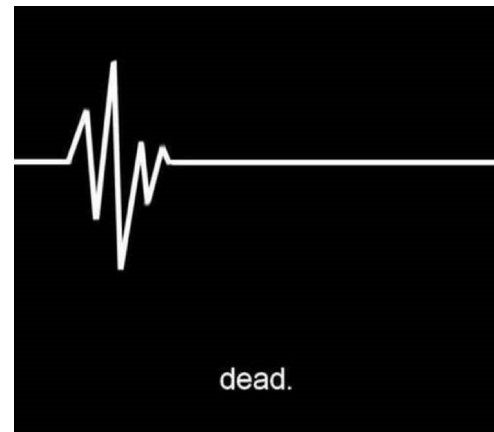
The Spirit regenerates the dead heart

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)



The dead heart must be revived
before he can respond

No life
No hearing
No sight
No understanding
No passion
No response



And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (Eze 36:26)

God's effectual, inner call:

from dead => life

from darkness => light

from blindness => sight

from deaf => hearing the gospel call



No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. (John 6:44)



Can anyone drawn to Christ unwillingly?

NO



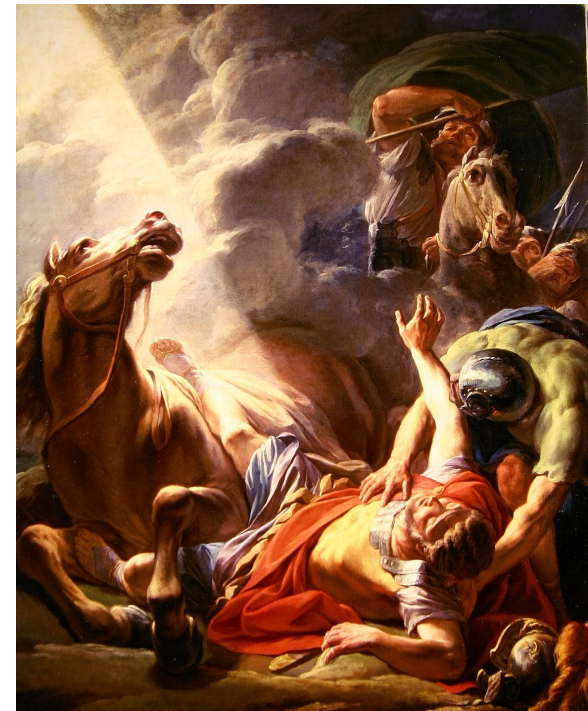
The Spirit transforms his will, make him submit to God willingly

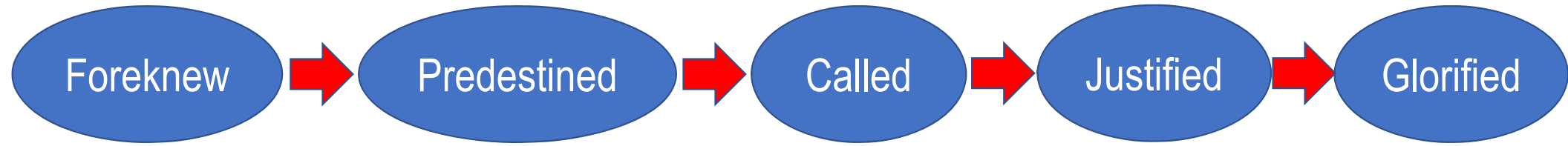
All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. (John 6:37)

“As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. (Acts 22:6)

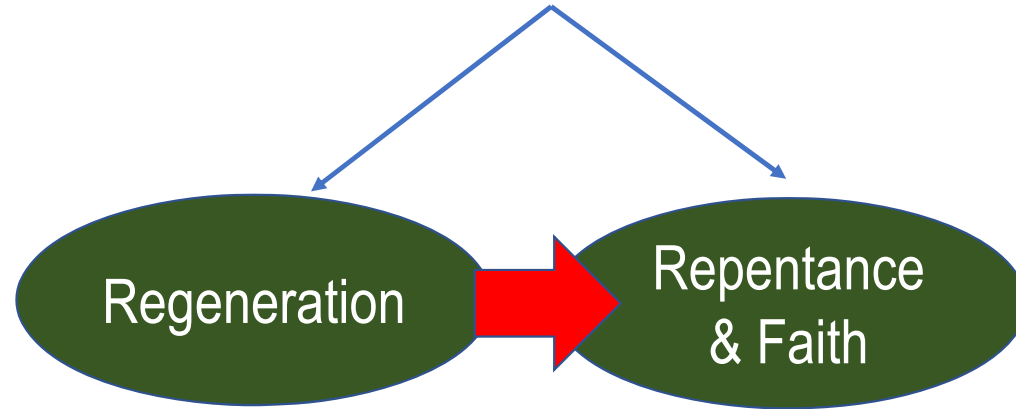
Grace of God comes onto Paul

The Spirit transformed Paul and made him submit to God's will





Outward call
Inward call



Comes from God



and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” (Mark 1:15)

Repentance is from God

God may perhaps **grant them repentance** leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will. (2 Tim 2:25b-26)



Repentance

Is hating the sin that one used to love, and now love Christ that one used to hate



Sin

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. (2 Cor 7:10)



'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

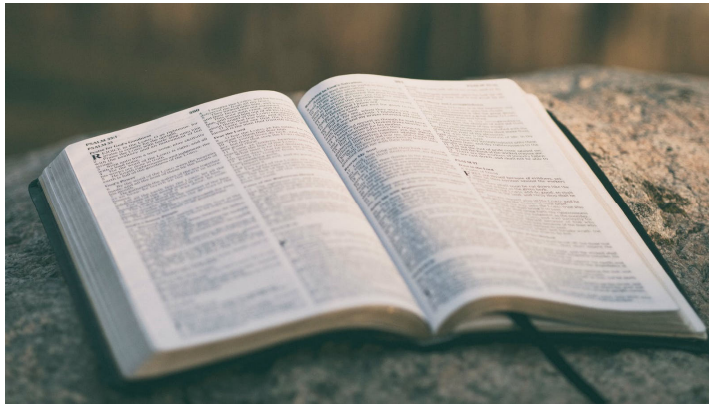
Luke 18



he departed, and he went and hanged himself.

Mat 27

Faith comes through hearing God's word



So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Rom 10:17)

Saving Faith is from God

though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (1 Tim 1:13-14)



looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, (Heb 12:2)

Holy Spirit

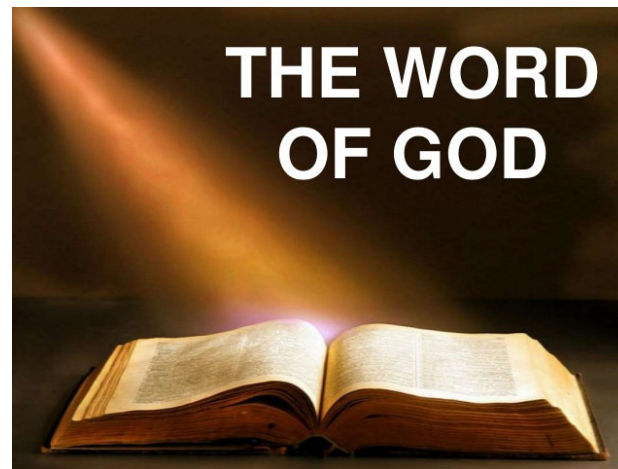


Repentance

Faith



But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
(John 14:26)



Gospel alone is what God used to awaken the sinner and make him willing

Jesus appeared to the disciples

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, (Luke 24:45)

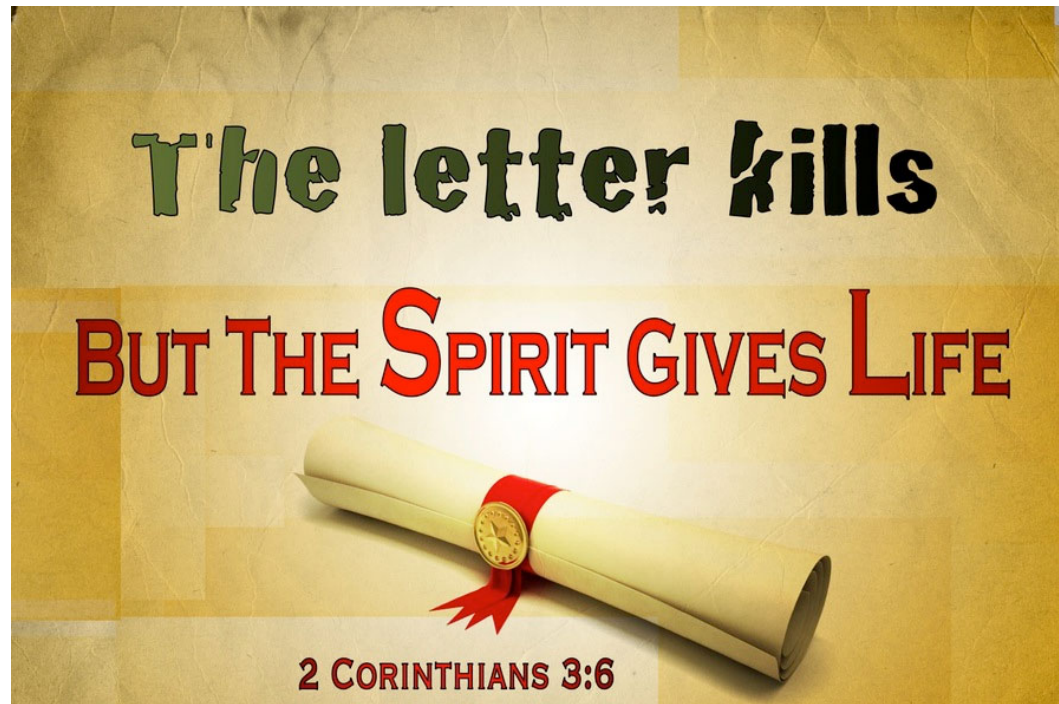


Paul preaching to Lydia

The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. (Acts 16:14b)

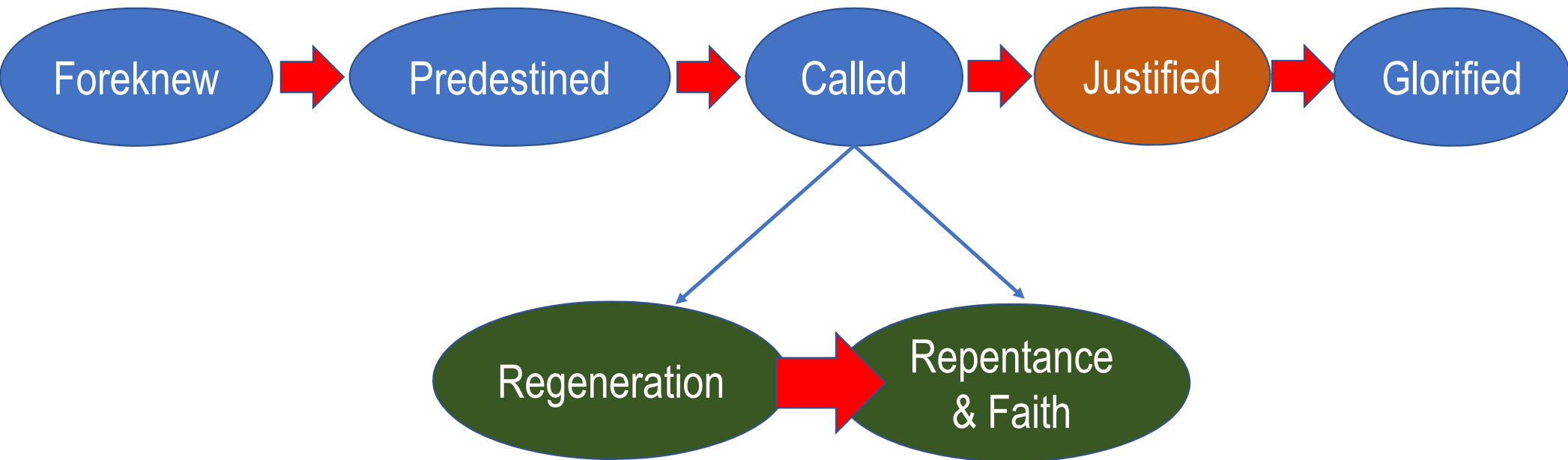
Jesus teaching his disciples

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, (John 16:13a)



The Spirit gives life to the dead soul, The Spirit gives life to the word of God

Justified by grace through faith



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We receive salvation through faith

²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, (Rom 3:22-24)

Grace saves us

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Rom 5:1 NIV)

God sovereignly gives



Saving grace: Bread of life



Faith: extending the hand to receive

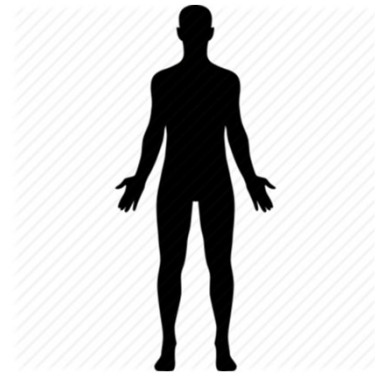
Justification or justified

God legally declares that we are righteous positionally



God

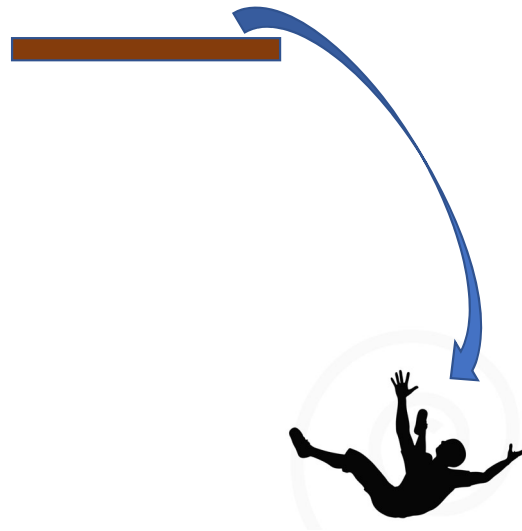
Divine
delcaration



Christian faith

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Ro 3:23)

Effects of sin



Man has fallen from his original position

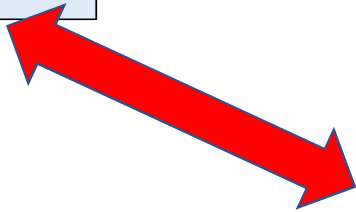
But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” (Gen 3:9)

God's presence



Guilt and shame

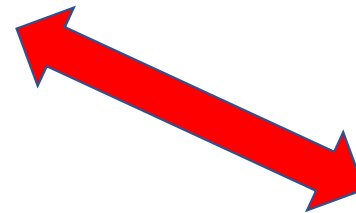
God



When God see us, He see Christ



righteousness



Man

Doctrine of imputation



“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” (Rom 4:3b)

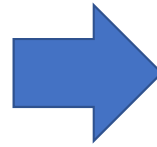
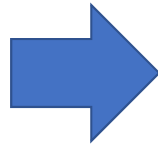
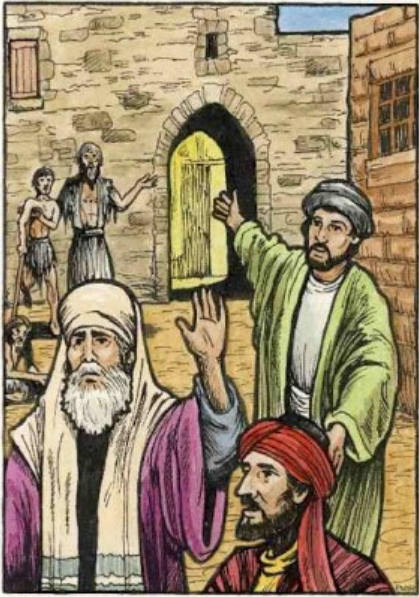
Jesus was perfect and lived a perfect life

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor 5:21)

“He has covered me with the robe of righteousness...(Isa 61:10)

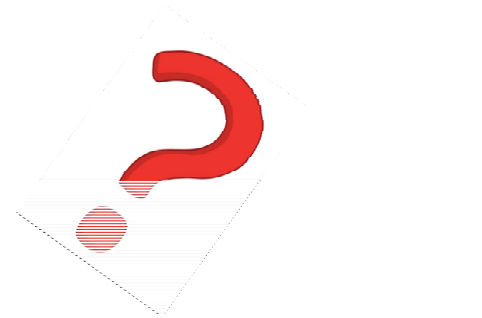


The parable of the wedding feast (Mat 22: 1-14)



*Paid no attention
Went off to farm, business
Killed the servants*

Invite those on the roads



Jesus' robe of righteousness

¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.” (Mat 22:10-14)

*False believer,
hiding in the midst of believers*



instantaneous

Foreknew



Predestined



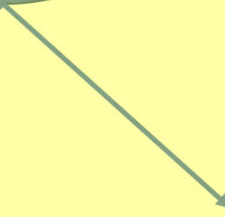
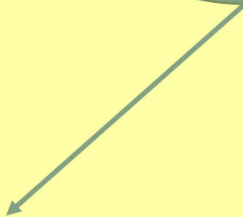
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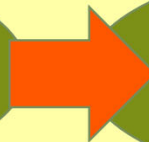
Justified



Glorified

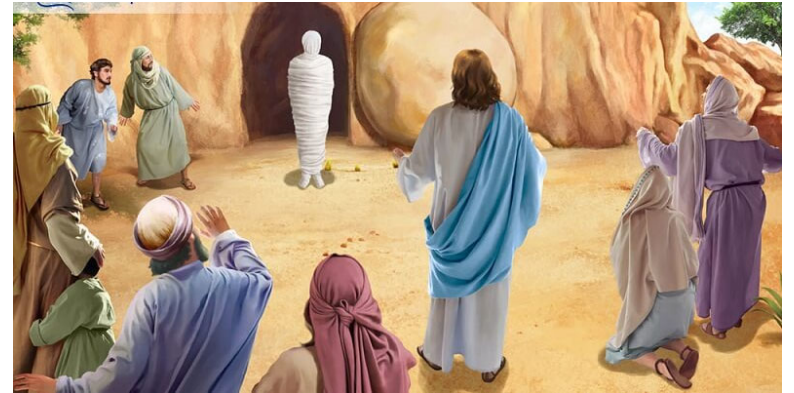


Regeneration



Repentance
& Faith

(Jesus) he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, (John 11:43b-44)



Regeneration > Faith

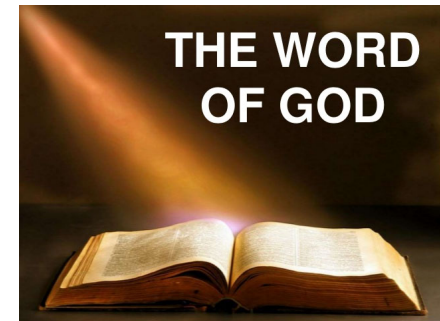
Sanctification

Instant

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Cor 6:11)

Progressive

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:17)



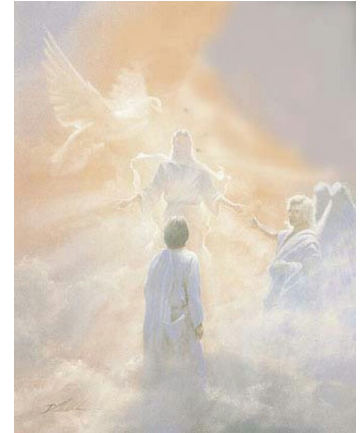
Glorification

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. (Phi 3:20-21)



Conform to the image of the Son,
fully glorified

and we would rather be away from the body
and at home with the Lord. (2 Cor 5:8)



spirit goes to be with the Lord



Body goes to the grave



Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. (John 5:28)

1st resurrection

2nd resurrection

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. (1 Cor 15:50-53)



glorious body

- A specific event: Rapture
- A blessing, not a judgment
- An instant return to heaven

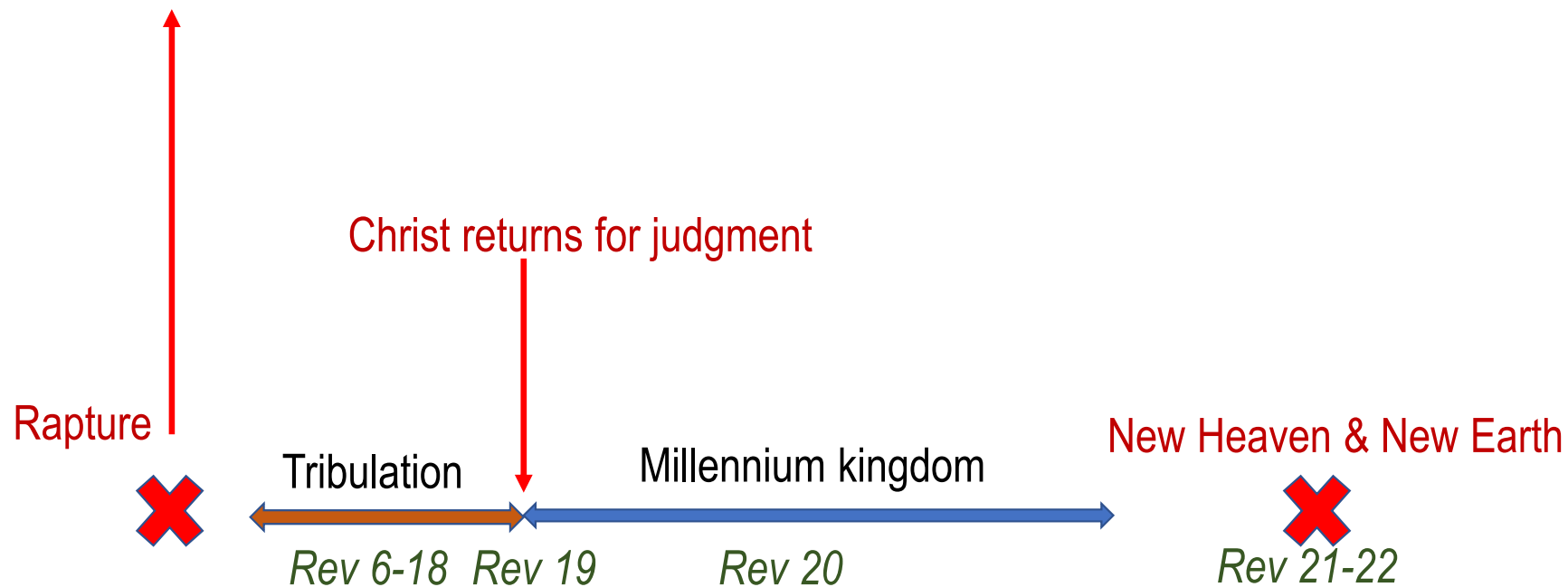
“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.”
(John 14:1-4)

Jesus preparing a place

Father's house



For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (1 The 4:16-17)



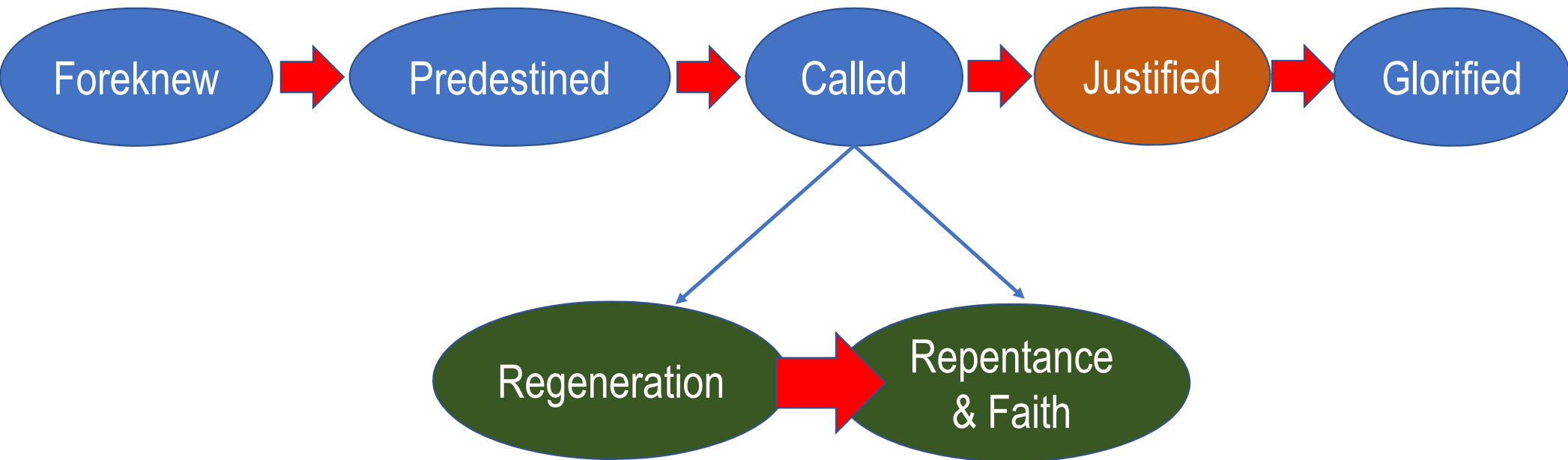
Glorification

When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.(Col 3:4)



so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. (1 The 3:13)

Justified by grace through faith



Arminianism

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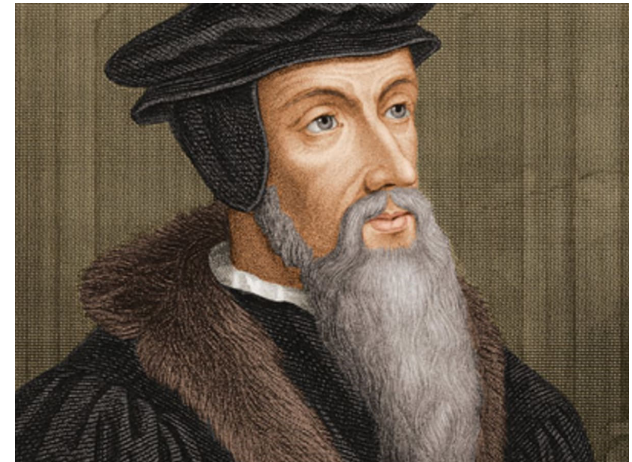
Calvinism

Man's faith



Jacobus Arminius (Dutch)
1560 - 1609

God-given faith



John Calvin (French)
1509 - 1564

Arminianism

1. Sinner, can do good & respond to God
2. God elects on basis of foreseen faith
3. Christ died for all
4. Man can resist God
5. Believer may lose salvation

Calvinism

- Man unable of self to respond to God
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- Irresistible election
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And you were dead in the trespasses and sins (Eph 2:1)

¹⁰ as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ no one understands;
no one seeks for God.

¹² All have turned aside; together they
have become worthless;
no one does good,
not even one.” (Rom 3:10-12)

Man, on his own, will not seek for God

*Man, on his own, will not know who is
the true God*

*Man, on his own, will not like the God
of the bible*

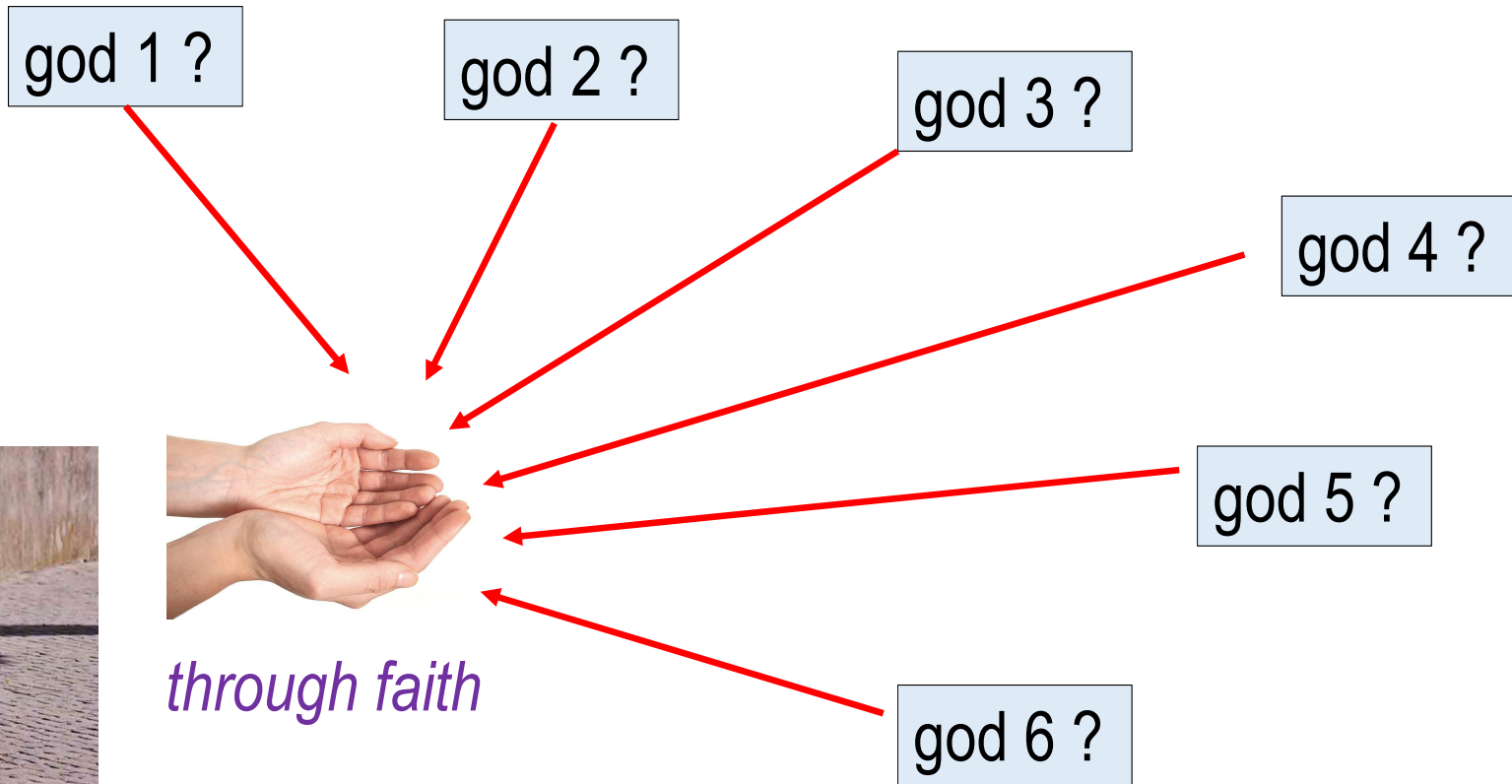
¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. (John 3:19-20)

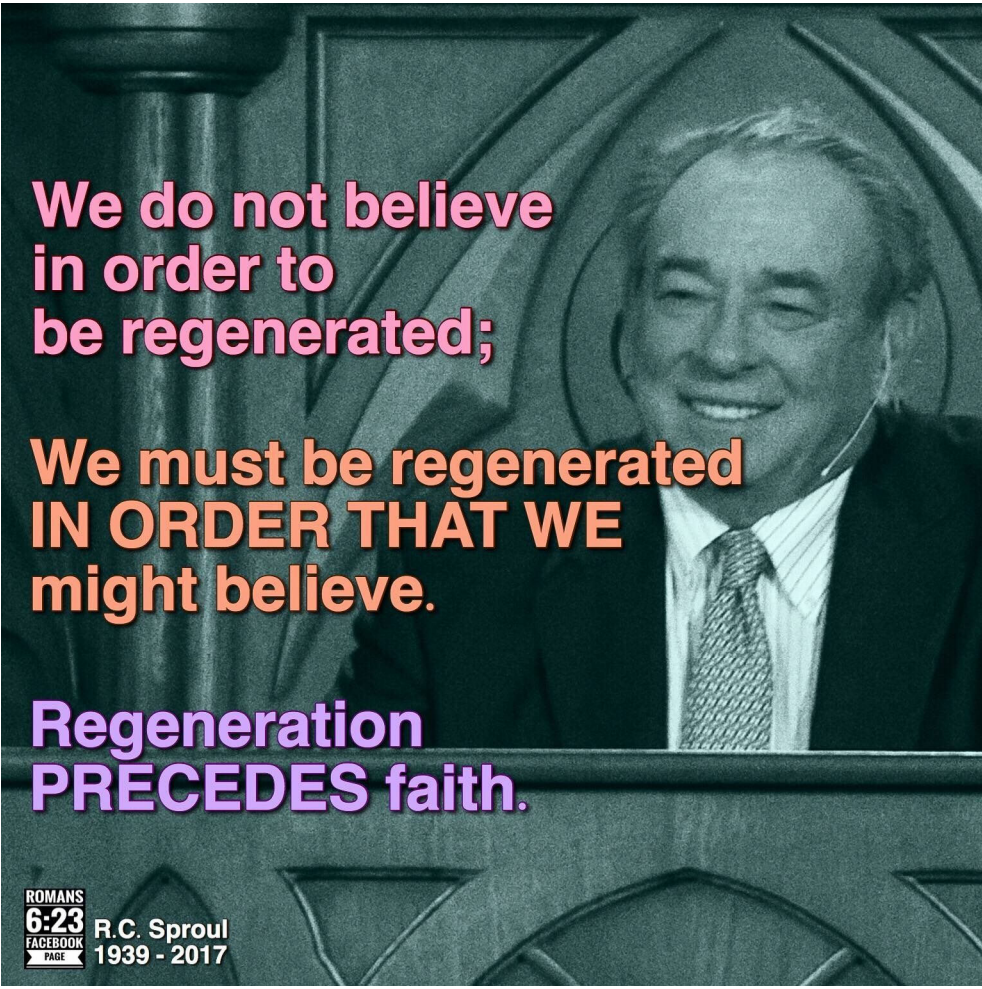


An unregenerate man will continue in his state of darkness and sin

Q. 1 - Which one is the true God?

Q. 2 – What must one do to receive salvation?





**We do not believe
in order to
be regenerated;**

**We must be regenerated
IN ORDER THAT WE
might believe.**

**Regeneration
PRECEDES faith.**

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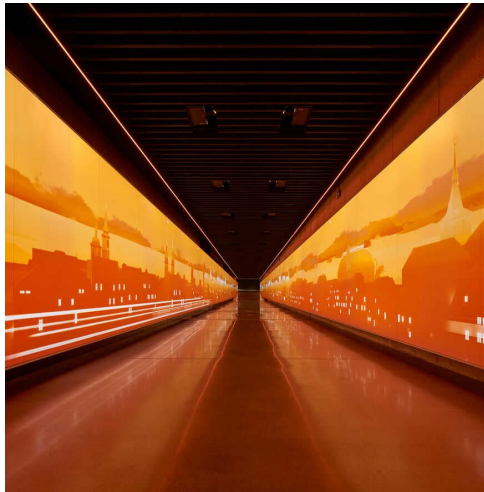
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Arminianism

- God foresees down the time corridor who will believe in Him and therefore God elects him based on that knowledge.
- Man has his own faith, man's own believing.

If man is the first cause of himself being saved:

No

1. *Then man is sovereign, not God*
2. *Then man's decision can change God's plan*
3. *Then man claims the credit, not God*



Then God will not be all-powerful, all-knowing and all-present


I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, (Isa 42:8a)

to him who **alone** does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;(Ps 136:4)



Man has nothing to boast

It is all based on God's plan, God's will



In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. (Eph 1:4b-6)

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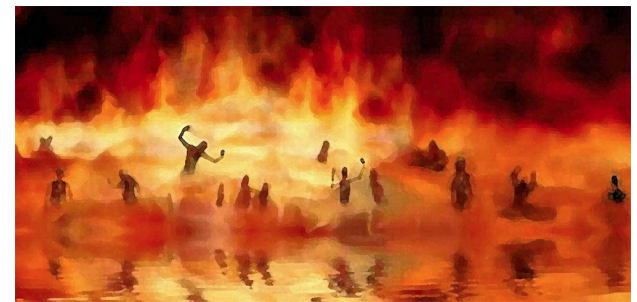


¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. (John 10:14-15)



Jesus' death is for the elects only

And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, (John 10:16a)



Many will be punished in hell

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The Spirit will convict and make the man willing

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Paul persecuted the believers

Jesus sovereignly appeared and made Paul
surrendered to Him



But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his
grace, (Gal 1:15)

If God has elected, why do we still need to preach?

1. God's command (Mat 28)
2. God has elected, therefore, our preaching will be effective



⁹ And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for *I have many in this city who are my people.*” (Acts 18:9-10)

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Jesus said:

³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:39-40)

God gives us a faith, as a supernatural gift, to believe, and this faith is persevering one, a permanent one, a sustaining one that will never turn to unbelief or falling away finally



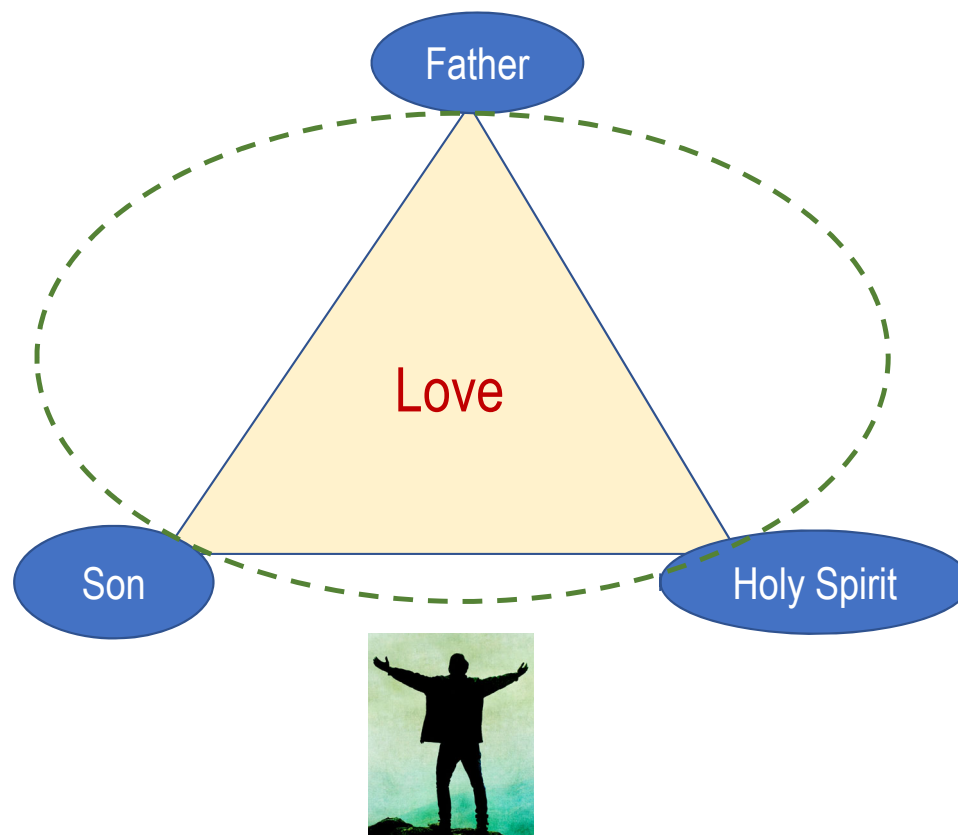
The Holy Spirit seals us

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. (Eph 1:13-14)

Guarantee – pledge (NASB)

arraabon (Grk): downpayment; engagement ring





²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. (1 The 5:23-24)

The last chance

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”(Luke 23:39-43)

The last chance

One received grace

One repented

One revered God

One requested mercy

One responded in faith

One transported into heaven

One spent eternity in joy



One received justice

One remained unrepentant

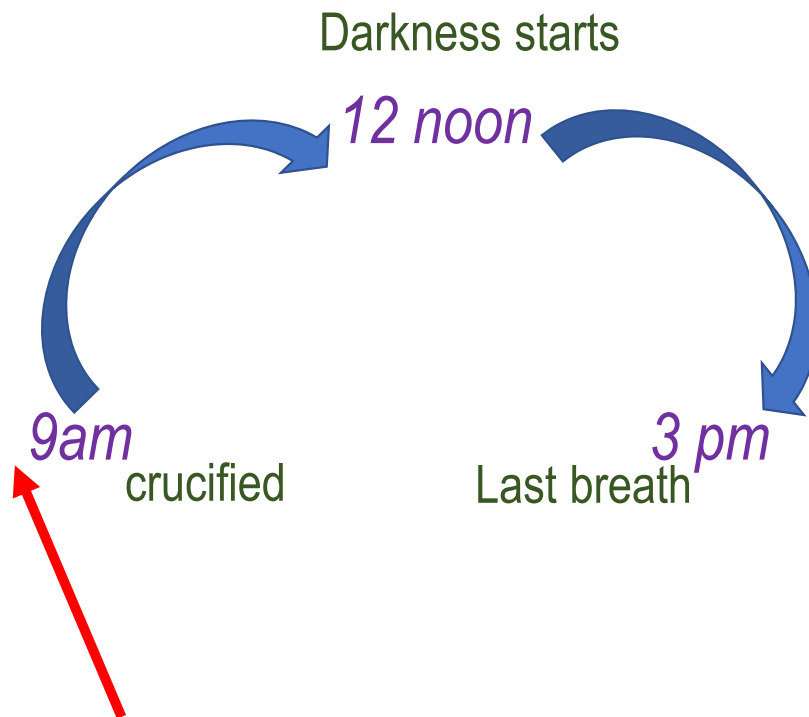
One ridiculed Christ

One rejected mercy

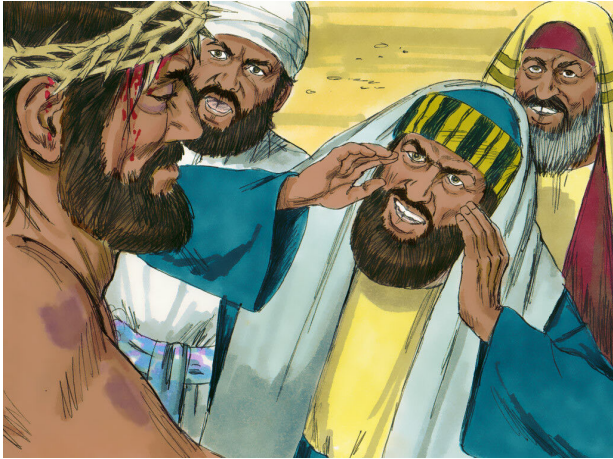
One responded in unbelief

One thrown into hell

One spent eternity in wrath



And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. (Mat 27:44)



“He saved others; let him save himself” (Luke 23:35)



“If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself !” (Luke 23:36)



One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” (Luke 23:39)

sinner will face judgement from a holy and righteous God

that God exists and He is to be feared

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” . (Luke 23:40-41)

all men will reap what they sow and God's judgement will be just

Jesus is sinless and righteous

Last 9 words of the repentant criminal



Only Jesus can save

A repentant spirit

Jesus will rise from the dead

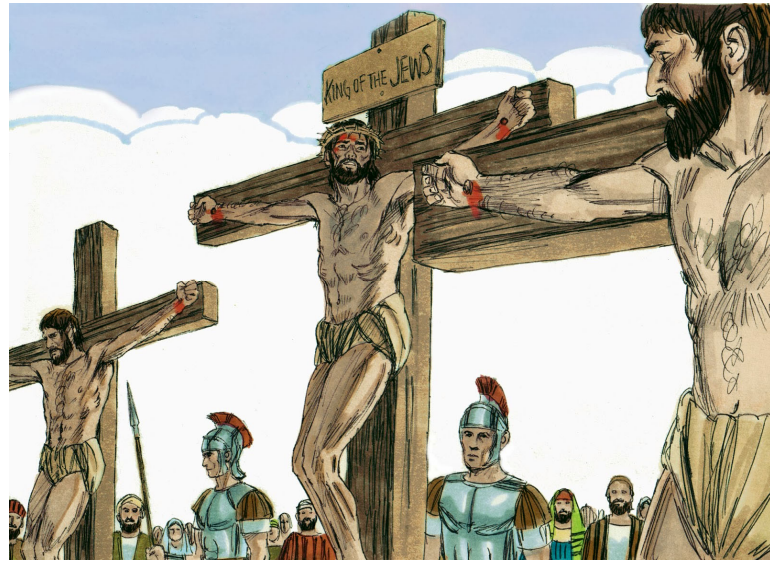
And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” (Luke 23:42)

Jesus will reign as King

The new kingdom

And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”(Luke 23:43)

Instantly into heaven



Solely by faith, no sacrament, rituals or works were required for him to receive salvation

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