

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.

Recommended Resources:

Redemption Accomplished and Applied by John Murray
Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem
Faith Alone by R.C. Sproul

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