

5 VIEWS ON BIBLICAL SALVATION

VIEW	MAN'S SIN	GOD'S ELECTION	CHRIST'S ATONEMENT	GOD'S GRACE	SECURE ASSURANCE
ROMAN CATHOLIC TRADITIONAL	IN ADAM'S FALL, MANKIND LOST GOD'S SUPERRODDED GIFT OF INCLINATION TOWARD GODLY LIVING. MAN RESORTED TO HIS NATURAL STATE OF LUSTS AND DESIRES. <u>MAN STILL HAS FREE WILL TO CHOOSE BETWEEN GOD AND SELF AND STILL RETAINS GOD'S IMAGE.</u>	GOD KNOWS AHEAD OF TIME THAT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WILL CHOOSE CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOR FROM THEIR OWN FREE WILL. GOD CHOOSES THEM BECAUSE THEY FIRST CHOSE CHRIST FROM THEIR OWN FREE WILL. THIS IS CONDITIONAL ELECTION.	CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS IS <u>INTENDED FOR ALL</u> . ALL WHO <u>FREELY</u> WILL TO EMBRACE THE 7 SACRAMENTS IN THE CHURCH. (BAPTISM, COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, PENANCE, MARRIAGE, ORDINATION, EXTREME UNCTION)	FOUND ONLY IN THE 7 SACRAMENTS WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. <u>INDIVIDUALS CAN RESIST GOD'S GRACE BY REFUSING TO PARTAKE OF THE 7 SACRAMENTS.</u>	THERE IS A DISTINCTION BETWEEN VENIAL-TRIVIAL SINS AND SERIOUS-MORTAL SINS. <u>THE SERIOUS-MORTAL SINS CUT A PERSON OFF FROM SALVATION UNLESS SOME SACRAMENTAL REMEDY IS APPLIED TO THAT PERSON.</u>
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN	IN ADAM'S FALL, MANKIND REALISTICALLY COMMITTED ADAM'S SIN. GOD'S IMAGE IN MAN HAS BEEN TOTALLY ANNIHILATED IN SINFUL MAN. MAN IS NOW MOTIVATED BY LUSTS AND DESIRES. <u>MAN HAS NO FREE WILL TO CHOOSE GOD INSTEAD OF HIS SELFISHNESS.</u>	GOD HAS GENERALLY ELECTED ALL MANKIND BY OFFERING CHRIST TO THEM. <u>BUT GOD KNOWS AHEAD OF TIME THOSE WHO WILL RECEIVE CHRIST BY FAITH AND BAPTISM FROM THEIR OWN FREE WILL. THIS IS CONDITIONAL ELECTION.</u>	CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS IS <u>INTENDED FOR ALL</u> . ALL WHO <u>FREELY</u> EMBRACE CHRIST BY FAITH AND RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.	<u>UNBELIEVERS CAN RESIST GOD'S SAVING GRACE. BELIEVERS CANNOT RESIST GOD'S SAVING GRACE.</u>	THERE IS A DISTINCTION BETWEEN A TEMPORARY FALLING AWAY FROM GRACE AND A FINAL FALLING AWAY FROM GRACE. FINAL FALLING AWAY FROM GRACE IS A CHRISTIAN'S REPRODIATION OF CHRIST AS SAVIOR. THIS IS FINAL AND IRREVERSIBLE FOREVER.
WESTMINSTER REFORMED CALVINISTS	IN ADAM'S FALL, MANKIND REALISTICALLY AND REPRESENTATIVELY COMMITTED ADAM'S SIN. GOD'S IMAGE IN MAN HAS BEEN DEFACTED BUT NOT ANNIHILATED. MAN IS NOW MOTIVATED BY LUSTS AND DESIRES. <u>MAN HAS NO FREE WILL TO CHOOSE GOD INSTEAD OF HIS SELFISHNESS.</u>	GOD HAS UNCONDITIONALLY FROM HIS OWN GOOD PLEASURE <u>ELECTED A PORTION OF THE HUMAN RACE UNTO SALVATION</u> . GOD HAS REJECTED ALL OTHERS AND HAS CONSIGNED THEM TO ORDNATION. GOD IRREVERSIBLY DECEED BOTH IN ETERNITY PAST.	CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS IS <u>AIMED AND THEREBY ONLY FOR THOSE GOD ELECTED UNTO SALVATION IN ETERNITY PAST</u> . THE ELECTED WILL CERTAINLY RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF SALVATION. CHRIST'S DEATH CAN SAVE ALL, BUT GOD <u>AIMS ONLY AT ELECT.</u>	THE ELECT CANNOT <u>RESIST</u> GOD'S SAVING GRACE BECAUSE GOD RE-CREATES THEIR WILL TO RECEIVE CHRIST AS SAVIOR. THE ELECT AND ONLY THE ELECT WILL EMBRACE CHRIST BECAUSE GOD CHANGES THEIR WILL AND CREATES THEIR SAVING FAITH.	THE ELECT AND ONLY THE ELECT ARE SECURE IN GRACE BECAUSE GOD'S DECREE TO CHOOSE THEM TO SALVATION CANNOT BE CHANGED BY ANY CREATED THING (INCLUDING MAN'S OWN WILL).
DALLAS AMYRAUD DISPENSATIONAL	SAME AS REFORMED VIEW. (ABOVE)	GOD WAS <u>CONDITIONALLY ELECTED ALL OF HUMANITY</u> . BUT SINCE MANKIND HAS NO ABILITY TO CHOOSE GOD OVER HIS OWN SELFISHNESS, <u>GOD UNCONDITIONALLY ELECTS SOME UNTO SALVATION AND GIVES THEM SPECIAL SAVING GRACE.</u>	CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS IS <u>CONDITIONAL FOR ALL IF THEY CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT</u> . BUT SINCE MANKIND HAS NO FREE WILL TO CHOOSE CHRIST, CHRIST DEATH WILL BE <u>EFFECTIVE ONLY FOR THOSE TO WHOM GOD GIVES SPECIAL SAVING GRACE.</u>	GRACE IS <u>CONDITIONAL FOR ALL MANKIND BUT SPECIAL GRACE IS UNCONDITIONAL ONLY FOR THE ELECT</u> . SPECIAL GRACE CANNOT BE RESISTED BY THE ELECT. GOD CREATES THEIR FAITH.	SAME AS REFORMED VIEW. (ABOVE)
WESTMINSTER ARMINIAN PENTECOSTAL	IN ADAM'S FALL, MANKIND INHERITS A CORRUPT, SINFUL NATURE FROM ADAM. MAN IS NOW MOTIVATED BY LUSTS AND DESIRES. GOD'S IMAGE IN MAN HAS BEEN DEFACTED. <u>MAN STILL HAS FREE WILL TO CHOOSE GOD OVER HIS OWN SELFISHNESS.</u>	SAME AS ROMAN CATHOLIC VIEW. (ABOVE)	CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS IS <u>INTENDED FOR ALL</u> WHO WILL EMBRACE CHRIST FROM THEIR OWN FREE WILL BY FAITH. MAN MUST FIRST MOVE TOWARD GOD BY MAN'S OWN FAITH.	GRACE IS CONDITIONAL FOR ALL MANKIND. GOD CAN ONLY GO SO FAR AND THEN MAN MUST DO HIS PART. <u>GRACE WILL NEVER CO-EARCE OR CHANGE THE HUMAN WILL.</u>	CONSCIOUS, DELIBERATE SINS CUT OFF A CHRISTIAN FROM ETERNAL SALVATION UNLESS THE CHRISTIAN REPENTS AND CONFESSES SUCH SIN. <u>SALVATION CAN BE GAINED AND LOST DAILY.</u>

4 VIEWS ON WATER BAPTISM IN SALVATION

VIEW	INTERPRETATION OF ACTS 2:38	INTERPRETATION OF 1 CORINTHIANS 12:13	WHO MAY BE BAPTIZED?	WHAT IS THE MODE?	HELD BY
SACRAMENT OF GRACE	BAPTISM MAY EITHER PRECEDE OR FOLLOW REPENTANCE. IT IS A CHRIST-ORDAINED CHANNEL FOR CONVEYING SAVING GRACE.	SINCE BAPTISM IS A CHANNEL OF SAVING GRACE, THE REGENERATING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT RESIDES IN THE LITERAL H ₂ O WATERS.	ANY ONE WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE CHURCH REGARDLESS OF AGE. CHILDREN OF A BELIEVING PARENT OR CHILDREN OF UNBELIEVING PARENTS WITHIN THE CHURCH.	SPRINKLING WATER IS EASY AND CAN BE APPLIED TO ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE (INFANTS, AGED, DISABLED). OTHER MODES ARE PERMITTED.	ROMAN CATHOLICS, GREEK ORTHODOX, EPISCOPALIANS, LUTHERANS, SOME METHODISTS.
OBEDIENCE OF FAITH	ORDER OF SALVATION IS: REPENTANCE, BAPTISM IN WATER, AND RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT. BAPTISM IS JUST AS ESSENTIAL AS IS REPENTANCE.	BAPTISM IS THE COMPLETION OF AN INCOMPLETE FAITH. THERE IS NO SALVATION WITHOUT FAITH IN JESUS AND BAPTISM IN LITERAL H ₂ O WATERS. BAPTISM PROVES PERSONAL OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST.	ONLY THOSE WHO MAKE AN INTELLIGENT PRO-FESSION OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH IN CHRIST AS SAVIOR MAY BE BAPTIZED. THIS WOULD EXCLUDE INFANTS WHO HAVE NOT YET MADE THEIR OWN PROFESSION OF SAVING FAITH.	<u>ONLY</u> BY TOTAL IMMERSION IN WATER. ALL OTHER MODES ARE UNBIBLICAL. THE ONE BEING BAPTIZED MUST BELIEVE THAT BOTH FAITH AND WATER IMMERSION WASH AWAY SINS OR ELSE THE BAPTISM IS VOID.	DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, CHURCH OF CHRIST, MORMONS, JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.
SUBSEQUENT TO FAITH	REPENTANCE AND FAITH IN JESUS SAVES THE INDIVIDUAL BUT THE TOTAL FULNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE DOES NOT OCCUR UNTIL THE 2ND BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHOUT WATER.	FIRST THERE IS FAITH AND BAPTISM IN WATER FOR SALVATION. LATER, COMES THE FULNESS OF THE BAPTIZING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHOUT WATER FOR HOLINESS AND POWER. THERE ARE 2 BAPTISMS.	ONLY THOSE WHO MAKE AN INTELLIGENT PRO-FESSION OF FAITH IN CHRIST AS SAVIOR. LATER, COMES THE FULNESS OF WATERLESS BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. THIS WOULD EXCLUDE INFANTS.	IMMERSION IN WATER IS THE MOST BIBLICAL WAY. BUT ONE MUST REMEMBER THAT THERE IS ANOTHER WATERLESS BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AFTER SALVATION FOR OBEDIENCE AND POWER.	WESLEYAN METHODISTS, NAZARENES, PENTECOSTALS, ASSEMBLY OF GOD, CHARISMATICS.
SYMBOLIC OF FAITH	CHRISTIANS ARE BAPTIZED BECAUSE THEY HAVE REPENTED AND BELIEVED. BAPTISM IS AN IDENTIFYING SIGN OF BELIEF AND IN NO WAY CAUSES SALVATION. ONLY FAITH IN CHRIST CAUSES SALVATION.	BAPTISM IS A SYMBOLIC IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST THROUGH APPLICATION OF WATER. THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT SALVATION SPIRITUALLY PLACES A CHRISTIAN INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST.	ANY ONE WHO PROFESSES SAVING FAITH IN CHRIST. THE CHILDREN OF ANY <u>CHRISTIAN</u> PARENT EVEN BEFORE THE CHILDREN PROFESS FAITH IN CHRIST.	GENERALLY, IMMERSION IN WATER, BUT SPRINKLING AND POURING WITH WATER IS ACCEPTABLE OF SYMBOLIC IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST. THERE IS NO LATER 2ND BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.	BAPTISTS, PRESBYTERIANS, SOME METHODISTS, INDEPENDENT CHURCHES, PARA-CHURCH GROUPS, MOST EVANGELICALS.

5 VIEWS ON CHRISTIAN SANCTIFICATION

POSITION ↓ ↓ ↓	ADAM'S SIN	CHRIST'S CROSS	2ND EXPERIENCE	CHIEF SIGNS	HELD BY
WESLEYAN PERSPECTIVE DIETER (CA. 1750)	MAN IS DEPRAVED BUT IS STILL ABLE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. MEN STILL INHERIT ADAM'S POLLUTION. <u>NO GUILT IS TRANSMITTED TO HUMANITY FROM ADAM'S SIN IN GARDEN OF EDEN.</u>	ATONEMENT IS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PENALTY OF THE LAW AND IS A SATISFACTION OF GOD'S GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSE. PREVENIENT GRACE IS UNLEASHED WHICH <u>ENABLES MANKIND TO CHOOSE GOD AND BE TOTALLY PURE IN LOVE AND SERVICE TO GOD.</u>	AFTER A CHRISTIAN RECEIVES CHRIST AS SAVIOR, THE CHRISTIAN GROWS IN LOVE AND SERVICE TO BOTH GOD AND MANKIND. AT A CERTAIN POINT IN TIME THE CHRISTIAN WILL SENSE GOD'S LOVE AND <u>HOLINESS TOTALLY ENVELOPING HIS HEART AND SOUL IN HOLINESS.</u>	<u>HOLINESS IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED. NO SIN OF ANY KIND IS PRESENT AT ANY TIME.</u>	NAZARENES, WESLEYAN AND FREE METHODISTS, SALVATION ARMY, CHURCH OF GOD IN INDIANA.
PENTECOSTAL PERSPECTIVE HORTON (CA. 1900)	MAN IS DEPRAVED BUT IS STILL ABLE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. MEN STILL INHERIT ADAM'S POLLUTION. <u>NO GUILT IS TRANSMITTED TO HUMANITY FROM ADAM'S SIN IN GARDEN OF EDEN.</u>	ATONEMENT IS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PENALTY OF THE LAW AND IS A SATISFACTION OF GOD'S GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSE. PREVENIENT GRACE IS UNLEASHED WHICH <u>ENABLES MANKIND TO CHOOSE GOD AND HAVE MIRACULOUS POWER OVER SIN AND SICKNESS.</u>	AFTER A CHRISTIAN RECEIVES CHRIST AS SAVIOR, THE CHRISTIAN IS TO SEEK FOR MORE OF GOD'S POWER IN HIS HEART AND SOUL <u>BY ASKING GOD TO BAPTIZE HIM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. IF CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT, GOD WILL GIVE HIM THE FULL POWER OF HOLY SPIRIT.</u>	<u>SPEAKING IN TONGUES OF (KNOWN) HEAVENLY LANGUAGE. MIRACULOUS POWER IS PRESENT IN ALL CHRISTIAN SERVICE.</u>	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, CHARISMATIC CHURCHES, PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES.
REFORMED PERSPECTIVE HOEKEMA (CA. 1550)	MAN IS DEPRAVED AND IS <u>UNABLE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.</u> MEN INHERIT BOTH POLLUTION AND GUILT FROM ADAM'S SIN IN GARDEN OF EDEN. ADAM WAS MAN'S REPRESENTATIVE IN EDEN.	ATONEMENT TOTALLY PAYS THE PENALTY FOR ALL SIN OF GOD'S PREDESTINED ELECT. GUILT IS CANCELLED BUT HOLY SPIRIT SLOWLY, GRADUALLY OVERCOMES POLLUTION OF SIN <u>IRRESISTIBLY IN HEARTS OF ALL GOD'S ELECT.</u>	AFTER A CHRISTIAN RECEIVES CHRIST AS SAVIOR, THE HOLY SPIRIT <u>WILL INFALLIBLY SANCTIFY AND PRODUCE SPIRITUAL FRUIT IN HIS LIFE. NO NEED TO KEEP BEGGING GOD TO GIVE MORE BECAUSE GOD WILL GRADUALLY AND INFALLIBLY PRODUCE FRUIT.</u>	<u>AN INFALLIBLE, INEVITABLE MANIFESTATION OF THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND AVERSION TO SIN.</u>	REFORMED CHURCHES, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES, SOME BAPTISTS AND EPISCOPALIANS.
KESWICK PERSPECTIVE McQUILLEN (CA. 1875)	MAN IS DEPRAVED BUT IS <u>STILL ABLE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.</u> MEN STILL INHERIT ADAM'S POLLUTION. GUILT IS TRANSMITTED TO HUMANITY FROM ADAM'S SIN IN GARDEN OF EDEN.	ATONEMENT TOTALLY PAYS THE PENALTY FOR ALL SIN FOR WHOEVER ACCEPTS CHRIST AS SAVIOR. HOLY SPIRIT WILL ONLY WORK IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE <u>CHRISTIANS WHO CONFESS THEIR SINS AND YIELD TO GOD ON A DAILY BASIS.</u>	AFTER A CHRISTIAN RECEIVES CHRIST AS SAVIOR, THE CHRISTIAN MUST CHOOSE <u>SPIRITUALITY OVER CARNALITY BY CONFESSING SIN AND YIELDING TO CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. ONLY THOSE CHRISTIANS WHO DAILY DO THIS WILL HAVE FRUITFUL LIVES.</u>	<u>SPIRITUAL MATURITY AS SIN SLOWLY DIMINISHES AND CORRECT CHOICES ARE MADE FOR GLORIFYING GOD.</u>	COMMUNITY CHURCHES, BIBLE CHURCHES, BAPTIST CHURCHES, PARACHURCH GROUPS (CRUSADE, NAVS), PLYMOUTH BRETHOEN.
AUGUSTINIAN DISPENSATION PERSPECTIVE (CA. 400) WALVOORD	MAN IS DEPRAVED AND IS <u>UNABLE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.</u> MEN INHERIT BOTH POLLUTION AND GUILT FROM ADAM'S SIN. ALL HUMANITY REALISTICALLY AND SEMINALLY COMMITTED ADAM'S SIN IN EDEN.	ATONEMENT TOTALLY PAYS THE PENALTY FOR ALL SIN OF GOD'S PREDESTINED ELECT. THERE IS A CONSTANT BATTLE BETWEEN THE FLESH AND THE SPIRIT IN THE HEARTS OF CHRISTIANS. <u>CHRISTIANS MUST DENY THE FLESH AND YIELD TO THE SPIRIT.</u>	AFTER A CHRISTIAN RECEIVES CHRIST AS SAVIOR, THE CHRISTIAN WILL ENGAGE IN <u>A LIFE LONG STRUGGLE BETWEEN FLESH VS. SPIRIT INSIDE HIS SOUL. HE MUST DENY THE FLESH AND YIELD TO THE SPIRIT. CHRISTIANS MUST DENY DAILY.</u>	<u>A SENSE OF UTTER SINEFULNESS AND OF GOD'S GRACE AND HOLINESS. A STRONG GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GRACE.</u>	COMMUNITY CHURCHES, BIBLE CHURCHES, PLYMOUTH BRETHOEN. SOME BAPTIST CHURCHES.