

HISTORICAL VOCABULARY CONCERNING SALVATION

1. Regeneration: God imparts a spiritual birth and a spiritual nature to the believing sinner who cooperates with the Holy Spirit to the point of turning from self and turning to God in saving faith.

The means of regeneration is:

The Word of God (1 Peter 1:23), Jesus (Romans 10:13-15), and the Spirit of God (Titus 3:5).

2. Imputation: Imputation is the act of Jesus crediting to the believer's account righteous acts that will later be produced in the believer's life or by the believer's influence.

Romans 4:22-24 Philippians 3:9 Revelation 19:8 Luke 23:42,43

3. Redemption: Deliverance from sin by payment of a price. Because of Christ's sacrifice, believing sinners are saved from sin, death, and the wrath of God. **Hebrews 9:12-15**
Jesus gave Himself a ransom for all people. 1 Timothy 2:6a

The price Jesus paid was a sinless death which condemned sin to the utmost and gave the resurrected Jesus authority as a Man to remove all sin from believers and from creation.

Romans 8:3 Matthew 28:18 John 5:27 Revelation 21:5-8; 22:3

4. Propitiation: Mercy Seat: Jesus is the mercy seat by which believing sinners find favor with God. Jesus is the propitiation (sinless sacrifice) for the sins of the whole world of lost sinners. **1 John 2:2** Because of Jesus' sinless sacrifice, God is justified in making believers into new creations and crediting them with righteousness. **Romans 3:25-26**

5. Remission of sins/ Forgiveness of sins Judicial forgiveness of sins of the believer includes eventual removal of all sin including the sin nature and ultimate glorification (the absolute physical, mental, and spiritual perfection of all believers). **Romans 8:30**

6. Substitution of Christ: Jesus is humanity's God-given substitute for Adam whereby Jesus defeated sin and made the Kingdom of God accessible to all by faith in Him. John 1:29

Romans 14:17 Matthew 4:17, 23; 5:3, 20; 6:33; 11:28-30 John 4:42

7. Justification: Justification includes credited righteousness(Rom. 4:22-25), removal out from under God's wrath (Rom. 5:9), removal out from under any penalty for sin (Rom. 8:1), new standing with God (Rom. 5:1,2), and even forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:14).

Jesus was raised from the dead so that our justification is assured and so that having righteousness credited to our account can result in an assured fulfillment in our future. Romans 4:25
Justification is an act of God whereby God justifies Himself in saving sinners by crediting a believing sinner with the full and perfect righteousness of Jesus. By crediting with righteousness, God is saying that He will complete the work He began at regeneration.

8. Sanctification: The process of God's grace in the believer by which he is set apart from the domination of sin for acts of Christ's righteousness initiated and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Believers are called to holiness and service. 1 Thessalonians 4:2-7

9. Preservation of the regenerated believer

No one is able to snatch the believer from Jesus. John 10:27-30 Romans 8:31-39

10. Adoption: All creation awaits the revealing of the sons of God where the adoption of all believers is completed. Adoption gives position as a son of God with all privileges.

Romans 8:15-23

11. Pelagianism: Pelagianism says grace is not needed in order to be saved. Pelagianism is false. Grace is needed. Common grace, conviction of the Spirit, and personal cooperation with the Spirit are necessary for a person to believe upon Jesus and to be regenerated.

12. Synergistic regeneration: The position of those who hold that regeneration requires cooperation between the grace of Spirit conviction and the human will. Faith must precede regeneration. 1 Peter 1:21,22

Synergistic regeneration is true and Christ does all the work upon the willing heart.

13. Monergistic regeneration: The position of those who hold that regeneration must precede faith and must solely depend on God. The Spirit moves in the person, giving him new birth and faith in Jesus.

Monergistic regeneration is false. Scripture declares that belief in Jesus must always precede the new birth.

14. Predestination: Predestination only refers to those who are regenerated and they are predestined to glorification, that is, to be conformed to the image of Christ. Ephesians 1:5,11
Romans 8:29-30

15. Election: Election only refers to those who are “in Christ” regenerated by the Holy Spirit for those who cooperated with the Spirit unto saving faith. The elect are those believers who are called to holiness and service. Ephesians 1:4 Romans 8:29-30 1 Peter 1:2-9