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**The *Ordo***

***Salutis***

# **Claude Monet's *Autumn on the Seine***



# The Doctrine of Salvation

- The parts or components
- The order in which they fit
- The Order of Salvation
- Latin: “*Ordo Salutis*”

# What's the Issue?

- Berkhof: “the process by which the work of salvation, wrought in Christ, is subjectively realized in the hearts and lives of sinners. It aims at describing in their logical order, and also in their interrelations, the various movements of the Holy Spirit in the application of the work of redemption.”
- The *Ordo Salutis* deals with both:
  - The logical order of events that occur at the moment of salvation.
  - The chronological order of events relating to our salvation that occur either before or after our conversion.

# Why Does it Matter?

- Reveals and determines your doctrine of salvation
- Will affect or determine your approach to evangelism
- Can give great peace and confidence or rob you of assurance
- Can even effect how effectively you glorify God

# What Are the Primary Views?

- The Arminian Ordo Salutis
  - Universal, external call
  - Repentance and faith
  - Justification
  - Sanctification
  - Perseverance

# What Are the Primary Views?

- Popular Smorgasbord View
  - Election
  - Effectual Calling
  - Faith – simple belief in the gospel message
  - Regeneration
  - Justification
  - Sanctification
  - Eternal Security
- The Biblical View



# What Does the Bible Teach?

- Exegetical Evidence
- The Foundational Framework:  
Rom. 8:29-30
  - Election
  - Effectual Calling
  - Justification
  - Glorification



# The *Ordo Salutis*



Election

Effectual  
Calling

Justification

Glorification

# Faith

- The instrument by which justification is received
- Gal. 2:16 - nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law.
- Cf. Rom. 1:17; 3:22, 26, 28, 30; 5:1; Gal. 3:24; Phil. 3:9

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# Repentance

- Often tied to faith
- Acts 16:31 - They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."
  - Cf. Acts 2:38 - Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 20:21 - solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 Th. 1:9 - For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God.

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- John 1:12

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# Regeneration

- John 1:12-13
- Rest of Scripture:
  - John 3:3, 5
  - 1 John 5:1
  - John 6:44

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# Positional (Definitive) Sanctification

- Acts 20:32 - "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
- 1 Cor. 1:2 - To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours.
- 1 Cor. 6:11 - Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.
- Acts 26:18 - to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been **sanctified by faith** in Me.'

# The *Ordo Salutis* (adapted from R. Reymond)

Divine Act	Divine Acts	Divine & Human	Divine Acts	Divine & Human Acts	Divine Act
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	Regeneration	Repentance	Adoption		
			Positional Sanctification	Progressive Sanctification	
Eternity Past	Moment of Salvation			The Rest of Life on Earth	Second Coming

# What Difference Should It Make?

- It should cause our evangelistic methods to be permeated by prayer and the ministry of the Word, instead of manipulative techniques (2 Cor. 4:1-6; cf. Rom. 10:17).
- It should strengthen our confidence that God will complete the work He's begun in us (Phil. 1:6).
- It should bring hope and comfort through the difficulties of life (Rom. 8:28 – precipitated 8:29-30).
- It should create a great sense of security in the love of God (Rom. 8:31-39).

# **Common Grace**

**The Universal Benefits of  
Christ's Death**

# Common vs. Saving Grace

- Common Grace
  - Recipients: believers & unbelievers
  - Result: temporal benefits
- Saving Grace
  - Recipients: believers only
  - Result: eternal salvation



# Definitions

- **Bruce Demarest:** “the undeserved beneficence of the Creator God expressed by his general care of creation and of all persons everywhere without discrimination.”
- **Louis Berkhof:** “in general it may be said that, when we speak of common grace, we have in mind, either (a) those general operations of the Holy Spirit whereby He, without renewing the heart, exercises such a moral influence on man through His general or special revelation, that sin is restrained, order is maintained in social life, and civil righteousness is promoted; or (b) those general blessings, such as rain and sunshine, food and drink, clothing and shelter, which God imparts to all men indiscriminately where and in what measure it seems good to Him.”

# Definitions

- Wayne Grudem: “the grace of God by which he gives people innumerable blessings that are not part of salvation.”
- John Murray: “every favor of whatever kind or degree, falling short of salvation, which this undeserving and sin-cursed world enjoys at the hand of God.”

# General References

- Ps. 145:9 - The LORD is good to all, And His mercies are over all His works.
- Luke 6:35-36 – “Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

# **The Benefits of Common Grace**

# A. God restrains His wrath.

- 1. By sustaining the life of His creatures
  - Gen. 2:17 – but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."
  - Cf. Gen. 5:5 - So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.
  - Rom. 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
  - Ps. 36:6b - Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are *like* a great deep. O LORD, You preserve man and beast.
  - Is. 42:5b - Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it,
  - Acts 17:28a - for in Him we live and move and exist.



# A. God restrains His wrath.

- 2. By restricting the effects of the curse
  - Gen. 3:17 (of thorns and thistles) - Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life.
  - Gen. 9:2, 5 (of wild animals) - "The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given.... "Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man.

# A. God restrains His wrath.

- 3. By delaying or withholding deserved judgment
  - Gen. 8:21 - The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.
  - Rom. 2:4 - Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?
  - Acts 17:30 - "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should repent,
  - 1 Pet. 3:20 - who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.



## B. God upholds His creation.

- Gen. 8:21-22 - The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease."
- Job 37:13 - "Whether for correction, or for His world, Or for lovingkindness, He causes it to happen.
- Ps. 65:9a - You visit the earth and cause it to overflow; You greatly enrich it; The stream of God is full of water; You prepare their grain, for thus You prepare the earth.
- Matt. 5:45 - so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.
- Acts 14:17a - and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons."

## C. God restrains sin.

- 1. Through direct intervention
  - Gen. 11:6 - The LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them."
  - Gen. 20:6 - Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also kept you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her."
  - Gen. 31:7 - "Yet your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times; however, God did not allow him to hurt me."

## C. God restrains sin.

- 2. Through the Holy Spirit
  - Gen. 6:3 - Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."
  - 2 Th. 2:6-7 - And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.

## C. God restrains sin.

- 3. Through the human conscience
  - Rom. 2:15 - in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them.
- 4. Through the prophets & the Word of God: Is. 1:16-20
- 5. Through various human institutions
  - Government (Rom. 13:1-4; 1 Pet. 2:14)
  - Family (Eph. 6:4)
  - Marriage (Heb. 13:4)



## **D. God gives temporal blessings to all.**

- Gen. 27:28 - Now may God give you of the dew of heaven, And of the fatness of the earth, And an abundance of grain and new wine.
- Gen. 39:5 - It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the LORD'S blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field.
- Ps. 104:13-14 - He waters the mountains from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works. He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the labor of man, So that he may bring forth food from the earth,

## **D. God gives temporal blessings to all.**

- Ps. 136:25 - Who gives food to all flesh, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- Ps. 145:9, 15-16 - The LORD is good to all, And His mercies are over all His works. The eyes of all look to You, And You give them their food in due time. You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- Luke 16:25 - "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.
- Acts 14:17b - He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

## **E. God directs human advancement.**

- God directs the development or invention of whatever is good and true in the arts, in the sciences, and in technology.
  - Ex. 31:2-6
  - Ex. 35:30-35



## F. God provides limited spiritual benefits (even to the unsaved).

- 1. They can do temporal or civil good.
  - 1 Kings 21:27-29 - It came about when Ahab heard these words, that he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and fasted, and he lay in sackcloth and went about despondently. Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, "Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days, *but* I will bring the evil upon his house in his son's days."
  - 2 Kings 10:29-31 – Jehu
  - Luke 6:33 - "If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is *that* to you? For even sinners do the same."

# Westminster Confession

- Works done by unregenerate men, although for the matter of them they may be things which God commands; and of good use both to themselves and others: yet, because they proceed not from an heart purified by faith; nor are done in a right manner, according to the Word; nor to a right end, the glory of God, they are therefore sinful, and cannot please God, or make a man meet to receive grace from God: and yet, their neglect of them is more sinful and displeasing unto God [16.7].

## **F. God provides limited spiritual benefits (even to the unsaved).**

- 2. They retain a basic knowledge of certain truths.
  - Natural revelation about God's nature (Rom. 1:18-21)
  - Natural revelation about God's law (Rom. 2:14)
  - An intellectual grasp of the truth (cf. Matt. 23:2-3; cf. Num 22:7, 24:1; 1 Sam. 10:9-11)—but not in a saving, deeply spiritual way (1 Cor. 2:14).
  - An intellectual understanding and assent to the gospel (Matt. 13:1-9, 18-22; Heb. 6:4-6; Matt. 10:5-8)

# The Source of Common Grace

- 1 Tim. 4:10 - “we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.”
- Rom. 3:25



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# **Chosen by God**

**The Biblical Doctrine  
of Election**



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# Presuppositions

- It was God's decision to provide salvation.
- There are only a limited number of ways God could have chosen to distribute salvation.
  - To save none
  - To save all
  - To save some

# Definitions

- Berkhof: “that eternal act of God whereby He, in His sovereign good pleasure, and on account of no foreseen merit in them, chooses a certain number of men to be recipients of special grace and of eternal salvation.”
- Grudem: “an act of God before creation in which he chooses some people to be saved, not on account of any foreseen merit in them, but only because of his sovereign good pleasure.”

# Key Components

- Eternal
- Definite
- Unconditional

# The Biblical Proof

- Deut. 7:7-8 - "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the LORD loved you.
- John 15:16 - "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain.
- Acts 13:48 – When the Gentiles heard this, they *began* rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.
- Rom. 8:29-30 - For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

# The Biblical Proof

- Rom. 11:5-6 – In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to *God's* gracious choice.
- Rom. 11:7 – What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened.
- Eph. 1:4-5 - He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.
- 1 Th. 1:4-5 - knowing, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you; for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.
- 1 Th. 5:9 - God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

# The Biblical Proof

- 2 Th. 2:13 - But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.
- 2 Tim. 1:9 - who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.
- 1 Pet. 1:1 - Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen
- Rev. 13:7-8 - All who dwell on the earth will worship him, *everyone* whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.
- Rev. 17:8 - those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.

# The Basis of Election

- Conditional
  - Thiessen: a “sovereign act of God in grace whereby He chose in Christ Jesus for salvation all those whom He fore-knew would accept Him.”
  - Arguments against:
    - » Rom. 8:29\_ – does not teach what they claim.
    - » Matt. 11:20-24
    - » Luke 10:10-13
    - » Arguments for unconditional election



# The Basis of Election

- Unconditional
  - God's choice in eternity past of certain people to be saved is based solely on His own sovereign pleasure and on no condition in the person He chooses.
  - 2 Tim. 1:9 – [God] has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.
  - Romans 9

# Objections

- Fairness (14-18)
- Human Freedom (19-23)
- Double Predestination
  - If God chooses some for salvation, that must mean that he chooses others for hell.
  - What the Bible teaches is that he chooses some, and simply passes over others.

# Reprobation

- “The sovereign decision of God before creation to pass over some persons, in sorrow deciding not to save them, and to punish them for their sins, and thereby to manifest his justice.”
  - Rom. 9:17 - For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth."
  - Rom. 9:22 - What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?
  - Rom. 11:7 - What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened;
  - 1 Pet. 2:8 - they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this *doom* they were also appointed.

# Important Distinctions

- Election
  - actively chooses
  - with delight
  - the cause lies in God Himself
  - the ground is God's grace
- Reprobation
  - passes over
  - with sorrow
  - the cause lies in the sinner
  - the ground lies in God's justice

# The Results of Election

- Develops humility.
- Encourages evangelism (2 Tim. 2:10).
- Provides comfort (Rom. 8:28).
- Promotes personal holiness (Eph. 1:4; Col. 3:12).
- Demands praise (Eph. 1:5-6, 12; 1 Th. 1:2, 4; 2 Th. 2:13).