

'BIBLICAL SALVATION'

(Soteriology – Eternal Security)

Session #6 Supplement

God's Part in Salvation:

(God's Sovereign choice / election)

Romans 8:29

Man's Part in Salvation:

(Man's 'free will' in being 'chosen')

Romans 10:9-13

Foreknowledge

('election' in eternity past)

Predestination

(the Father steers to salvation)

Calling

(Holy Spirit conviction & repentance)

Respond, repent & call upon Jesus

Justification

(God declares righteous 'in Christ')

Receive the Spirit of Christ into life

Glorification

(God receives 'the saved' in heaven)

Sanctification (?) *Romans 12:1-2*

Be transformed to live eternally above

Can 'Salvation' Be Revoked By God?

(Primary passages some claim 'say' salvation can be taken away by God)

Matthew 24:13 Hebrews 6:4-9 2 Peter 2:20-22 *(Human reasoning arguments)*

Is Salvation – 'Once Saved, Always Safe'?

(Primary passages guaranteeing 'eternal security' for Christ's converts)

John 5:24, 6:37, 40, 44, 47; 10:27-30; 14:16-17; 17:12, 20; Romans 9:11, 18, 22-23, 11:29;

1 Corinthians 3:13-15; Ephesians 1:13-14; Titus 3:5-7; Hebrews 13:5; 1 Peter 1:4-5; 1 John 5:4-5

Discussion Group Questions:

In theology there are five articles of biblical salvation summed up in the clever acrostic **'TULIP'**:

- T** *total depravity* (all humans are conceived dead in trespasses and sins);
- U** *unconditional election* (God's choice of some to be saved was not contingent upon 'good works' of those 'chosen');
- L** *limited atonement* (the saving benefits of Christ's work on the cross are only efficacious for 'the elect');
- I** *irresistible grace* (when the Father draws an elect person to salvation, they will sincerely come to Christ);
- P** *perseverance of the saints* (once an elect person sincerely comes to faith, he or she will not depart from faith in Christ or lose the gift of salvation).

Which of these articles are a blessing to you? *Why?*

Which of them bothers you or concerns you? *Explain.*

- Talk about how God's part (sovereignty) is so vital to salvation, but after we are truly saved our part (free will) is so vital to sanctification. Why do you think so many people turn this all around - insisting on their own *free will* to get saved and then expecting God's sovereignty to do everything for us after we're saved?
- Discuss the difference between *salvation* and *conversion* in a believer's life.
- How does understanding God's sovereignty in our salvation and eternal security affect various areas of our Christian life (discipleship and spiritual growth, evangelism and witnessing, our sanctification and personal holiness, prayer and trust in the Lord, our service, worship and ministries)?
- Have you changed in your understanding of how God accomplishes salvation for us through this part of the 'F.O.F.' studies? How has it affected your relationship to God? What about this subject still remains unclear for you requiring more prayerful study?