

This curriculum is based on the second of a two part message on the doctrine of salvation. The first messages covered the first five of ten doctrines in the order of salvation. The first five steps are listed for review. The second five steps include discussion questions based on the message.

**1) Election - A sovereign act of God before the creation of the world in which he unconditionally chooses some to be saved. (Eph. 1:4-11)**

**2) Common Grace - Undeserved patience and kindness of God toward all people prior to salvation. (Acts 14:16-17)**

**3) Effectual Calling - An act of God, speaking through human proclamation of the gospel, in which he draws people to himself in such a way that they respond in saving faith. (Rom. 8:30, Eph. 3:13-14, John 6:44)**

**4) Regeneration - A secret act of God in which he imparts new spiritual life to us. (Titus 3:5, John 3:3-8, Ezekiel 36:26-27)**

**5) Conversion - Our decisive response to the gospel call, in which we sincerely repent of sin and place our faith in Christ alone for salvation. (Acts 20:20-21, 2Tim. 2:24-26, Phil. 1:29)**

**6) Justification – The judicial act of God in which he declares our sins to be forgiven and Christ’s righteousness belonging to us. (Rom. 8:33-34, Gal. 2:16)**

Those who continually doubt their salvation need to THINK about their justification as something that happens outside of them in the courtroom of God. Read 1John 5:13. Is it possible to know you are saved? How does understanding your salvation as a courtroom decision bring confidence that your sin is forgiven?

Justification is obtained by faith in the finished work of Christ. How did the Father think of the Son on the cross? How does God think of those who have by faith been justified?

**7) Adoption – An act of God that makes us members of God’s family. (Rom. 8:14-17, Eph. 5:1)**

Do you have trouble relating to God as your “daddy”? How would it change your relationship with God if you viewed yourself as his adopted son?

How do you get along with your adopted brothers and siblings in Christ?

Read Heb. 12:5-6 Have you experienced the loving discipline of the fatherhood of God? What affect does it have on you?

**8) Sanctification - The ongoing process of God setting a disciple apart from sinful tendencies through the obedience of the believer. (1Thess. 5:23, Philippians 2:12-13)**

We get into serious doctrinal error when we confuse justification with sanctification. Discuss the differences and how you see sanctification at work in you.

Justification

- Changes my legal standing
- Entirely God's work
- Once for all time
- Perfect in this life
- The same is all Christians

Sanctification

- Changes my internal condition
- We cooperate
- Continuous throughout life
- Not perfect in this life
- Greater in some than in others

Sanctification is a work of God that we participate in. What are you doing to accelerate your sanctification?

What changes do you see in your life in the last ten years? Ten months? Ten days?

**9) Perseverance – The enduring work of God that guarantees all whom God has justified will remain Christians until the end of their lives. (John 6:38-40, John 10:27-29, Eph. 1:12-14, Phil. 1:6)**

The scriptural evidence for the eternal security of true believers is incontrovertible, yet our experience is that many who profess faith in Christ fall away. Read 1John 2:19, Mark 4:16-17). What does the bible conclude about the professed faith of those who do not continue in their faith to the end?

Have you ever fallen away from your faith? What caused you to fall away? How did the Lord draw you back?

Are you burdened for someone who has fallen away? What would you say to someone who believes they are saved, because they once professed faith in Jesus yet today show little or no evidence that Jesus is Lord of their lives?

**10) Glorification – God's full and final redemption of our bodies to a perfect state where we are set free to worship God unhindered by sin. (Philippians 3:20-21)**

Are you scared of dying?

What do you imagine your first 24 hours in heaven will be like?

In what specific ways will you be "like" Jesus when your body is glorified?

How does the hope of living in a glorified body, with glorified people, forever glorifying Jesus with no physical limitations, encourage you in the midst of living in a broken world saturated with such tragic news?

Who are you looking forward to seeing in their glorified state? Why?

**Additional Scripture**

- Romans 8:1
- Romans 8:24

# SMALL GROUP PULPIT CURRICULUM

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- Hebrews 3:6,14
  - 1Cor. 15:42-44
  - Hebrews 12:23