

Faith and Repentance

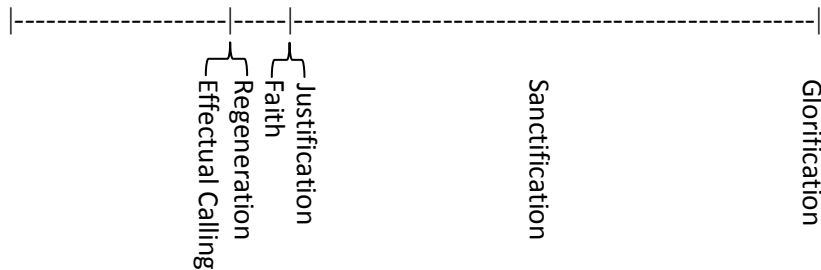
The *Ordo Salutis* (Order of Salvation)

<u>Ordo Salutis</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Our role</u>	<u>Sacraments</u>
Effectual Calling	God calls us out	passive	
Regeneration	Our hearts awakened	passive	
Faith	Trust in Christ	active	baptism
Justification	Declared righteous	passive	
Sanctification	Growth in holiness	active	communion
Glorification	Resurrected life	passive	

Romans 8:30

And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

A timeline of *Ordo Salutis*



1) Regeneration precedes faith.

John 6:44, 65

44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

65 And he said, “This is why I told you that **no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.**”

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, **he has caused us to be born again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—**

2) Why do we need faith?

John 3:3

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.**”

3) How does faith come?

1 Peter 1:22-23

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, **since you have been born again**, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, **through the living and abiding word of God**;

Romans 10:13-17

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” **So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.**

Ephesians 1:13

In him you also, **when you heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

4) What is saving faith?

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby **we receive and rest upon him alone** for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel. (Westminster Shorter Catechism)

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Romans 10:9-10

because, **if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

Acts 16:31

And they said, “**Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.**”

Galatians 2:16

yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law **but through faith in Jesus Christ**, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Ephesians 2:8-7

For **by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.**

5) What is repentance?

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, **turn from it unto God**, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience. (Westminster Shorter Catechism)

Romans 2:4

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Acts 2:37-38

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "**Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins**, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 3:19

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out,

Acts 20:21

testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of **repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ**.

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. **For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation** without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

6) How much faith is needed? Can faith be strengthened?

Luke 17:5-6

The apostles said to the Lord, "**Increase our faith!**" And the Lord said, "If you had **faith like a grain of mustard seed**, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

Mark 9:24

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "**I believe; help my unbelief!**"

Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter XIV Of Saving Faith

I. The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word, by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.

II. By this faith, a Christian believes to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein; and acts differently upon that which each particular passage thereof contains; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. **But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone** for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

III. This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance, through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.