The ORDER of SALVATION

1. Election (God’s choice of people to be saved)
2. The Gospel Call (proclaiming the message of the gospel)
3. Regeneration (being born again)
4. Conversion (faith and repentance)
5. Justification (right legal standing)
6. Adoption (membership in God’s family)
7. Sanctification (right conduct of life)
8. Perseverance
9. Death (going to be with the Lord)
10. Glorification (receiving a resurrection body)

GOSPEL CALL & REGENERATION
A BRIEF REVIEW

THE GOSPEL CALL
The Golden Chain of Salvation
Romans 8:29-30

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 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; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.
CALLING

- Calling is that work of God by which He, through the Spirit, invites all men to Christ and actually brings sinners to salvation.

- **General Call vs. Effectual Call**
  - Universal vs Effective
  - Resistible vs Irresistible Grace

REGENERATION
Regeneration is a secret act of God in which he imparts new spiritual life to us. This is sometimes called “being born again”


Regeneration is the *instantaneous*, supernatural impartation of spiritual life to the spiritually dead.

Rolland McCune, *A Systematic Theology of Biblical Christianity: The Doctrines of Salvation, the Church, and Last Things*, vol. 3 (Allen Park, MI: Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary, 2010), 49.

....His *dominant motives must be transformed* from darkness to light and from death to life so that he is enabled to make a positive response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit through the gospel.

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CHANGE IN HEART

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2 Corinthians 5:17

CHANGE IN HEART
Ezekiel 26:36

Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
Effective Call & Regeneration

HOW ARE THEY RELATED?

One is “born again” by the Truth of the Word of God

At least two passages suggest that God regenerates us at the same time as he speaks to us in effective calling: Peter says, “You have been born anew not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God ... That word is the good news which was preached to you” (1 Peter 1:23, 25). And James says, “He chose to give us birth through the word of truth” (James 1:18 NIV).

WHAT ARE THE EVIDENCES OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN
HOW CAN I KNOW IF I AM SAVED?

REMINDERS WHEN EXAMINING ONE’S SALVATION
1. EXAMINE OUR OWN SALVATION

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!
Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?
2 Corinthians 13:5

2. CHRISTIANS & NON-CHRISTIANS may LOOK SIMILAR

26 But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also. 27 The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ 28 And he said to them, ‘An enemy has done this!’ The slaves *said to him, ‘Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?’ 29 But he *said, ‘No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’ (Matthew 13:26-30)
3. NON-CHRISTIANS MAY DO OUTWARD GOOD WORKS

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22 Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’ (Matthew 7:21-23)

4. IT CAN BE OBVIOUS WHO IS / IS NOT a CHRISTIAN

By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

1 John 3:10
5. The Determining Factor is the FRUIT (Deeds & Character) of One’s Life

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? So, every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit. A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits. (Matt. 7:15–20)

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

GALATIANS 5:19-24
BIBLE STUDY: EVIDENCES OF SALVATION

INCONCLUSIVE EVIDENCES

- Outward morality / External righteousness (Mt 19 & 23)
- Biblical Knowledge (Romans 2)
- Joy / Excitement (Luke 8:13)
EVIDENCE of a GENUINE BELIEVER (worksheet answers)

1. Trust / Belief in Christ & Love for God
2. Obedient Living
3. Not Living in Perpetual Sin
4. Love for Other Christians
5. Answers to Prayers
6. Overcoming the World (Living the Christian Life)
7. Characterized by Love
8. Testimony of the Holy Spirit (Sanctification, Fruit, etc...)

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