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Soteriology

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I. Biblical material on Salvation: Health and Hygiene

- A. OT is means being saved from physical attack; NT - universal ramifications
- B. Various images: sons, children, heirs, naked people are now clothed

II. Calvin's soteriology

- A. Situation: we are alienated from God because of our sin and must rest in Christ; Sin is an obstacle. Calvin holds to penal substitution theory.
- B. Application of the atonement: Faith is from our side; spirit is God's side
- C. Grace: every point in salvation process; the target of our faith
- D. Freedom: from the slavery of the law
- E. Election: the grace illuminator - we did not choose God
- F. Faith: vehicle for receiving justification and sanctification
- G. Justification: acceptance into God's favor as righteous; this includes forgiveness of sins and the imputation of Christ's righteousness
- H. Repentance: mortification (killing of flesh) and vivification (living in spirit)
- I. Target of Faith: God (i.e. Christ and all his benefits)

III. Grace - a deeper look

- A. a paradox: it is totally free, but not cheap (Christ's wounds)
- B. function: it aims to redeem, us and creation
- C. It is irresistible (this deserves its own line) *it's better if you - you not think too positively*
- D. common grace: general operations of the H.S.; general blessings to all men
- E. special grace: the gracious act of God whereby he invites (elect) sinners to accept the salvation in Christ through the Holy Spirit who begins and maintains the entire process.

IV. Repentance: a conscious change turning away from sin involving three elements:

- A. intellectual: one's past life history is viewed as sin
- B. emotional: sorrow for sin committed against a holy, just God
- C. will: change in purpose from inward sin to outward cleansing

V. Justification: the acceptance with which God receives us into his favor as righteous consisting of the remission of sins and imputation of X's righteousness

- A. five resulting elements
 - 1. forgiveness of sins
 - 2. imputation of Christ's righteousness; credited/ing to us
 - 3. stand before God as righteous
 - 4. acceptance
 - 5. reconciliation - a restored relationship with God

VI. Sanctification: that gracious and continuous operation of the Holy Spirit by which he purifies the sinner, renews his whole nature in the image of God, and enables him to perform good works.

- A. other features
 - 1. perseverance of the saints: the work which God began in us which we participate in.
 - 2. sanctification precedes justification in the Institutes

VII. Spiritual Hygiene

- A. Health
 - 1. means more than the absence of disease, it means wholeness, even salvation
 - 2. health lives a a godly, righteous and sober life
 - 3. spiritual hygiene seeks shalom
- B. How do we know we got it?
 - 1. spirituality or religious affections: whatever animates the believer
 - 2. Actions, motivations, and goals

VIII. In Christ

- A. definition: to be in a new historical situation from the depths of my soul to the ends of the universe!

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