

THE PROCESS OF REDEMPTION

(Salvation and Growth)

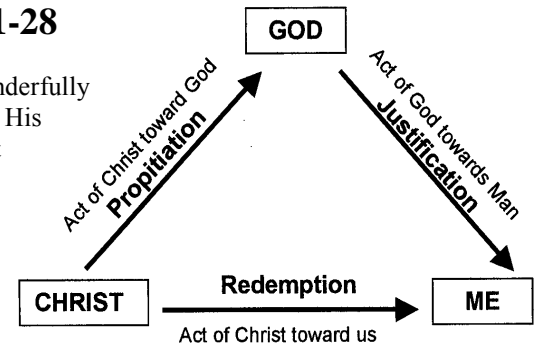
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PROCESS	PROMISE	WHEN	GOD'S PART	MY PART
SALVATION (Election, calling, regeneration, conversion, justification, forgiveness) Instantaneous and finished (one time) work of God where He declares us right with Him. "Just-as-if-I'd-never sinned." (John 3:7, 16; Rom 3:19-28; 5:1, 9; 8:29-30; I Cor 6:11; Gal 2:16; 3:11; Col 1:13-14; Titus 3:4-8)	Pardons from the penalty of sin. Life!	New Birth: one act of salvation in our past.	Gift offered by grace. -Father offers it -Jesus pays for it -Spirit applies/assures it	Appropriated when we repent, believe and receive through faith alone.
SANCTIFICATION Progressive work of God in us to make us more holy like Christ. (Luke 6:46-49; Acts 20:32; 26:18; Rom 6:4; 12:1-2; 15:16; I Cor 6:11; II Cor 5:15; 7:1; Gal 5:16-26; Eph 5:18; Phil 1:6; 2:12-13; 3:12-13 Col 2:6-7; 3:5-17; I Thess 4:3-7; 5:23; II Tim 4:6-8; Heb 6:1; 12:14; I Pet 1:13-16; II Pet 3:18)	Progress over the power of sin. Walk in newness of life!	Growth: continual acts of maturity in the present.	Hand: God does the work of heavy lifting in and through my life.	Glove: We do the work of responding (surrender) to His hand (Spirit). Die to self = become unresponsive to what I want so I can live for what He desires. Obey God by faith in response to His love.
GLORIFICATION Fully transformed to be Christ-like. (Rom 8:17, 30; Phil 3:21; I Tim 1:15-17; II Tim 2:12; I John 3:2-3; Rev 5:8-14)	Preserves from the presence of sin. Eternal life!	Death: one act in future when we die and/or Christ returns.	One act of God.	Glorify, worship and enjoy God forever in eternity.

G:love 8 Celebrations for Generations! Exodus 12:1-28

God's redemption of Israel from the bondage of Egypt pictured in the Passover wonderfully points to Christ's redemption of us from the bondage of sin. We need to investigate His process of redemption, and all that Christ accomplished for us on the Cross, so that we can celebrate it among our family and friends for generations (Ex 12:14; John 1:29; Isaiah 53:5-6). True joy starts at the Cross and cannot be fully experienced apart from understanding all that God has done for us through Christ (Ps 95:1).

How does the God's process of salvation cause you as a Glove to celebrate His 'hand' in your life? (Ex 13:3, 9 14 16)



Romans 3:19-26 (Adapted from Jerry Bridges, *Discipline of Grace*, Ch 3)

No one will be right with God by being good. No one can perfectly keep God's moral law. His law is like a mirror reflecting the true face of our sinful hearts. Therefore, being good and doing good works is not the reason God accepts us.

God provides the only way to be right with Him as sinners that does not depend on our performance of His moral law. Comparing yourself with another person is as foolish as a student saying, "My failing grade is higher than your failing grade."

God transfers Christ's righteousness in exchange for my sin when I repent and put my faith in Christ alone for salvation. This saving faith is not mere intellectual assent. We are saved by faith in Christ alone, but saving faith is never alone.

Our salvation is a free gift to us. It is not something we deserve, earn or produce.

Our salvation cost God everything. Although free to us, it cost God his very son. God did not simply pardon us, He personally paid the penalty for our sin in Christ. Therefore, God's demand for justice was fully met in Jesus' death on the cross.

God's justified wrath was totally satisfied by Christ's sacrifice. As sinners, we are by nature objects of God's wrath (God's disposition against anything that is not holy). But Jesus bore all of our sin thus becoming the object of God's wrath in our place.