

THE WORKS OF GOD

Election	God's sovereign choice to adopt specific men as his children. God actively chooses men. Men are passively chosen by God.
Foreknowledge	Literally means "to know before". This is not merely advanced information, but advanced affections. God knows those who are His.
Predestination	The determinate purpose of God to save some for eternal life. "No one can either complain if passed over, or boast himself if saved. It brings the inquirer to absolute self-despair and the cordial embrace of the free offer of Christ" - Hodge
Decrees	Eternal, unchangeable, holy dictations of God. Not a word from God will go out without passing.
Counsel	Deliberations made by God concerning his decrees using His holy wisdom.
General Calling	The outward call which presents an invitation to all men.
Effectual Calling	The specific inward calling of believers, synonymous with regeneration and conversion.
General Revelation	The "revealing of God" which occurs in all things God has created (by first or second cause). This presentation of knowledge leaves all without excuse.
Special Revelation	The "revealing of God" which is indicated in the redemption plan. This is the particular good news revealed through Scripture.

THE WORKS OF CHRIST

Reconciliation	Renewal of relationship between God and man, due to the works of Christ in his life and death on the cross.
Atonement	Refers to two parties which were severed brought back together in oneness.
Propitiation	Means "mercy seat", specifically- covering. Represents the covering of Christ's blood which redeems fallen man.
Substitution	"In the place of" or "on the other's behalf." Christ's offering was a substitutionary one on behalf of his descendants.

Satisfaction

Payment for the lack of perfect obedience by men toward God. Unable to fulfill this perfection, Christ has intervened. Men no longer require punishment for sins, since this need has been satisfied in Christ.

Imputation

Means "reckoned unto a person." Refers to the transmission of sin upon Christ, a typographical fulfillment of the imputation of sin onto sacrificed animals in the old covenant's tabernacle system. Also refers to the imputation of Christ's righteousness unto regenerated men.

Expiation

Casting off of sin's debt. The payment is made in full by the blood of Christ, the sinner is no longer indebted.

Resurrection

New life; accomplished by the Son, applied by the Spirit. The resurrection of Christ symbolizes and allows the conversion of sinners to be "born-again" now, and raised again to eternal life with God.

THE WORKS OF THE SPIRIT

Regeneration

The planting of a new life in man, an act by which the soul is made holy in disposition. The regenerate individual is no longer oriented towards sin but instead towards God.

Repentance

Turning away from sin, godly sorrow conviction towards displeasing God.

Faith

Commitment to and trust in God. Affirmation and belief that he will fulfill his promises.

Conversion

The continuous activity of turning towards God. Widely, it includes regeneration. Narrowly, it refers to a daily practice. "Regeneration is once-for-all; conversion is the continuing activity of turning to God" (Cairns).

Sanctification

The continuing, progressive work of transformation in a sinner's life to become holy and righteous before God.

Mortification

Eliminating things which are not pleasing to God in an individual's life.

Vivification

Adding things which are pleasing to God in an individual's life.

HOPEWORKS THEOLOGICAL
DISTINCTIVES

SOTERIOLOGY:



Significant
Terms in the
Doctrine of
Salvation

INCLUDES:

- Analogies of Salvation
- Theological Dictionary of Terms

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BIBLICAL ANALOGIES OF SALVATION

Social Status

<u>BEFORE</u>	<u>VERB</u>	<u>AFTER</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Lonely	<i>To receive</i>	Fellowship	<i>Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common Acts 2:44</i>
Single	<i>To wed</i>	Bride of Christ	<i>For your maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is His name... Isa. 54:5</i>
Orphans	<i>To adopt</i>	Children of God	<i>but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba Father." Rom. 8:15</i>
Reproved	<i>To include</i>	Heirs	<i>And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ... Rom. 8:17</i>
Guilty	<i>To justify</i>	Made righteous	<i>For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Rom 5:19.</i>
Alien	<i>To naturalize</i>	Citizens	<i>Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Eph. 2:19</i>
Slaves	<i>To ransom</i>	Free	<i>Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. Jn. 8: 36</i>
Enemy	<i>To reconcile</i>	Friends	<i>For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Rom 5:10</i>
Captive	<i>To redeem</i>	Free	<i>But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. Rom. 7:6</i>
Defeated	<i>To strengthen</i>	Victorious	<i>Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 Jn. 5:3</i>
Poor	<i>To enrich</i>	Rich in Christ	<i>To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col. 1:27</i>
Lost	<i>To rescue</i>	Found	<i>For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. Lk. 19:10</i>

Individual Status

<u>BEFORE</u>	<u>VERB</u>	<u>AFTER</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Darkness	<i>To enlighten</i>	Light	<i>"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." Jn. 8:12</i>
Pointless	<i>To rehabilitate</i>	Purpose	<i>...who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and me. Philemon 11</i>
Sand	<i>To establish</i>	Rock	<i>Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them...I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: Matt. 7:24</i>
Foolish	<i>To impart wisdom</i>	Wise	<i>But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand... Matt. 7:26</i>
Barren	<i>To cultivate</i>	Fruit/bearing	<i>Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. Matt. 7:17</i>
Dead in Sin	<i>To convert</i>	Made Alive	<i>Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved). Eph. 2:5</i>
Love Sin	<i>To regenerate</i>	love God	<i>I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me... Gal. 2:20</i>
Thirsty	<i>to quench</i>	eternally satisfied	<i>But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. Jn. 4:14</i>
Hungry	<i>to feed</i>	Eternally nourished	<i>I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Jn. 6:51</i>
Sick	<i>To heal</i>	Healthy	<i>He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Mk 2:17</i>
Blind	<i>To give sight</i>	Can see	<i>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened. And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped...and the tongue of the dumb sing. Isa. 35:5-6</i>
Deaf	<i>To unstop</i>	Can hear	<i>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened. And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped...and the tongue of the dumb sing. Isa. 35:5-6</i>
Mute	<i>To loose</i>	Can speak	<i>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened. And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped...and the tongue of the dumb sing. Isa. 35:5-6</i>
Heart of Stone	<i>To change</i>	Heart of Flesh	<i>I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. Ezek. 36:26</i>
Unclean	<i>To cleanse</i>	Clean	<i>Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean. John 13:10</i>
Filthy rags	<i>To clothe</i>	White Garments	<i>He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments... Revelation 3:5a</i>