

Systematic Theology session 46
Redeemed, Part 15

- The *ordo salutis* (order of salvation):
 - 0: Election
 - 1a: Effectual call
 - 1b: Regeneration
 - 2a: Repentance unto life
 - 2b: Faith in Jesus Christ
 - 3a: Justification
 - 3b: Definitive sanctification
 - 3c: Adoption
 - 4a: Progressive sanctification
 - 4b: Perseverance in holiness
- The three elements of saving faith
 - The element of knowledge as an element of saving faith.
 - The false Roman Catholic doctrine of implicit faith
 - Implicit faith: Assent to whatever the Roman Catholic Church teaches, even when one doesn't know what the church teaches.
 - The necessity of knowledge of what one has faith in, in order to have true faith.
 - The necessity of knowledge of Scripturally revealed propositional statements of truth (John 6:66-69; 1 John 4:16; John 20:30-31).
 - The necessity of the teaching of the gospel from revealed Scripture (1 Timothy 6:20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5; Acts 4:8-12; Romans 1:16-17).
 - The element of assent to this knowledge as an element of saving faith.
 - Agrippa as an example of one who heard the gospel, and therefore had knowledge, but did not accept (assent to) that knowledge (Acts 26:27-29).
 - Assent to the gospel as a person "setting his seal" to the authenticity and truth of the gospel (John 3:31-33).
 - Assent as acknowledging and confessing the truth of the gospel, what the Son has said about Himself, and what the Father has certified about Christ.
 - The most important "seal" is that God the Father has set His seal on the Son (John 6:27).
 - The element of trust as an element of saving faith.
 - The element of trust as being able to say "the gospel is true, and it is true for me personally, and I rest in Christ"; we make the truth our own.
 - Geerhardus Vos on trust: "resting in the testimony of another for anything significant that affects our lives."
 - John Calvin on trust in the gospel: "Here, indeed, is the chief hinge on which faith turns: that we do not regard the promises of mercy that God offers as true only outside ourselves, but not at all in us; rather that we make them ours by inwardly embracing them."
 - The element of trust as being related to confidence in Christ that we have the benefits of salvation in Him, such as boldness and access (Ephesians 3:11-12; Ephesians 2:17-18; Romans 5:1-2).