

# **The Principles of Christian Religion**

**A Study through the Baptist  
Catechism using Benjamin  
Beddome's *Scriptural Exposition***

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# Intro to the *Ordo Salutis*

- *Ordo Salutis* refers to the distinct acts of the application of redemption and how they are related to each other.
- Traditional Order (2LCF 3.6; ch. 10-17):
  - Effectual Calling/Regeneration
  - Conversion (Faith/Repentance)
  - Justification
  - Adoption
  - Sanctification/Perseverance
  - Glorification

# Intro to the *Ordo Salutis*

- This is not necessarily a series of temporally separated acts (though there is a chronological dimension to some elements).
- Rather, it expresses the relationships of the various blessings to each other.
  - Each one depends on those that have come before it.
  - The order can't be reversed.



# Question and Answer 32

Q. 32: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us<sup>1</sup> by His Holy Spirit.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> John 1:11-13

<sup>2</sup> Titus 3:5,6

# Question and Answer 32

## 1. The Accomplishment of Redemption

- There is a redemption wrought out for the people of God (Psa. 111:9).
- Christ is the author of this redemption (Heb. 9:12).
- His blood is the price of it (1 Pet. 1:18, 19).
- Many expect redemption in another way (Jer. 2:35).
- But this is the only way (1 Cor. 3:11).



# Question and Answer 32

## 2. The Extent of Redemption

- Not all partake of the redemption purchased by Christ (Acts 8:21).
- Not all partake of it who pretend to it (Rev. 3:1).
- All believers partake of it (Heb. 3:14).
- Such receive the Redeemer (John 1:12).
- They receive him in all his offices (Col. 2:6).
- And none receive this of themselves (John 3:27).

# Question and Answer 32

## 3. The Application of Redemption

- It is necessary that redemption be applied to us (1 Cor. 1:30).
- This is a great and effectual work (Eph. 1:19).
- It is a work within us (Col. 1:27).
- It is the work of the spirit (John 6:63).
- It is wrought only upon the elect (Rom. 11:7).
- All those shall be partakers of this redemption to whom it is effectually applied (John 3:36).



# Question and Answer 33

Q. 33: How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith within us,<sup>1</sup> and thereby uniting us to Christ, in our effectual calling.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ephesians 1:13,14; John 6:37,39; Ephesians 2:8

<sup>2</sup> Ephesians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 1:9

# Question and Answer 33

## 1. The Limit of Application

- The application of redemption is limited by the purpose of God (Matt. 20:23).
- And by the purchase of Christ (John 10:26).
- And by the operations of the Spirit (Tit. 3:5).



# Question and Answer 33

## 2. The Instrument of Application

- Faith is necessary in order to our participation of the blessings of redemption (John 3:18).
- It is the great thing necessary (Mark 5:36 and 9:23).
- It is therefore bestowed upon all God's redeemed ones (2 Pet. 1:1).
- The same measure of faith is not bestowed upon every one (Eph. 4:7).
- But weak faith has interest in gospel privileges as well as strong (Rom. 3:22).

# Question and Answer 33

## 3. The Result of Application

- All true believers are united to Christ (John 17:23).
- The souls of believers are united to Christ (1 Cor. 6:17).
- And their bodies (1 Cor. 6:15).
- This is a vital union (John 14:19).
- It is a lasting and indissolvable union (Hos. 2:10).
- But it is an inexplicable and mysterious one (Eph. 5:32).



# Question and Answer 33

## 3. The Result of Application

- Union with Christ

# Question and Answer 33

## 4. The Agent of Application

- We are vitally united to Christ by the Spirit (Eph. 2:23).
- And that in our effectual calling (1 Cor. 1:9).
- But there is a union prior to our effectual calling (2 Tim. 1:9).



# Question and Answer 33

## 5. The Timing of Application

- All the saints are effectually called (Jude 1).
- God is the author of this call ( 1 Pet. 2:9).
- Grace is the motive of it (Gal. 1:15).
- The gospel is the means of it (2 Thess. 2:14).
- Glory is the end of it (1 Thess. 2:12).
- We should then examine our title to this privilege (2 Pet. 1:10).
- And endeavor to improve it (Eph. 4:1).