

Systematic Theology session 41
Redeemed, Part 10

- 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 heart as the center of our nature, and as the headwaters, or source, of three streams: the mind, the will, and the affections.
- The change in the mind as a result of regeneration.
 - The old mind before regeneration as affected by the noetic effects of sin.
 - The definition of “noetic” as having to do with the mind and intellect.
 - The mind before regeneration as being, in John Calvin’s words: “a perpetual factory of idols.”
 - The parables of Jesus as showing the difference between the regenerate and unregenerate in the ability to understand spiritual things (Matthew 13:10-16).
 - The state of the unregenerate mind as being futile in thinking, and darkened in understanding (Ephesians 4:17-18; Ezekiel 12:1-2).
 - The darkened and futile state of our minds before regeneration as being blameworthy, because our hearts were hardened.
 - The unregenerate deliberately close their eyes and ears, spiritually speaking.
 - The hopeless situation of our unregenerate minds if left to ourselves (1 Corinthians 2:14-16).
 - The new mind after regeneration.
 - Bavinck: “A Christian’s confession is not an island in the ocean but a high mountaintop from which the whole creation can be surveyed.”
 - The change in mental perspective with the new birth; we can now perceive spiritual things, because we have “heard and learned from the Father” (Psalm 119:18; John 6:42-46).
 - The new ability to understand the Scriptures by illumination from the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:44-48).
 - The continuing change in our minds throughout our Christian lives, which arises from the new foundation of regeneration; our growth in understanding of the Scriptures and spiritual truth continues (Ephesians 1:17-18).
 - The ability of the regenerated mind to discern truth from falsehood (1 John 4:1-3; 1 John 5:1; 1 John 2:18-20).
 - The contrast between the unregenerate mind that is hostile toward God, and the regenerate mind that is set on things of the Spirit (Colossians 1:21-23; Romans 8:5-9).
 - The continuing of the renewal of our minds in ongoing sanctification (Romans 12:1-2).