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I. The Process of Salvation

- There is a tendency to see salvation as a one-time event.
- Salvation needs to be seen as a process that occurs in a believer's life.
- The first part of the process involves the conversion of the believer.
- At the instance of conversion, the second part of process, Justification, takes place.
- The third part of the process, Sanctification, occurs throughout the life of the believer.
- The final part of the process, Glorification, takes place when we go to be with the Lord.

II. Conversion

A. Repentance

- The importance of repentance is not always recognized and is sometimes rejected.
- For some, repentance is seen as a work requiring the person to change behavior for salvation.
- However, this position ignores that repentance is an important part of conversion.
- It overlooks the reality that scripture calls the believers to repent and believe.

Scripture Acts 2:38 (ESV)

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Acts 26:20 (ESV)

but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.

- Repentance is essentially a change of mind, resulting in a change of life.
- Repentance has three aspects: an intellectual, and emotional and a volitional aspect.
- The intellectual aspect of repentance implies a change of view regarding God, sin and self.
- The emotional aspect of repentance implies a change of feeling such as sorrow for sin and a desire for pardon.
- The volitional aspect of repentance implies a change of will, disposition and purpose.

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- Repentance is a gift of God.

Scripture 2 Timothy 2:25 (ESV)

correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,

- God also uses various means such as his word to produce repentance in a life.

B. Faith

- A man's life is governed by what he believes and in what he has faith.
- The scriptures declare that human beings are saved by faith.

Scripture Romans 5:1 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- The word "belief" is often used in the same sense as the word "faith."
- However, belief often denotes one element of faith.
- Faith must be more than just intellectual assent.
- The intellectual aspect of faith implies a belief based on the best of evidence.
- The emotional aspect of faith implies the awakening of the soul to its personal need.
- The voluntary aspect of faith implies the surrender of the heart to God and the appropriation of Christ as Savior.
- Faith is a gift of God.

Scripture Romans 12:3 (ESV)

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

- The spoken and written word of God produce faith in a person.
- Faith results in salvation, assurance and good works.