

LESSON 01: THE ORDER OF SALVATION

Memory Work - (you may also memorize Hymn 64:1&2)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,

*but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death,
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.*

*He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.*

*He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.*

*Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me
of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.*

Homework

Look at the golden chain of salvation as you wrote it down during the past lesson.

1.(5) Would you call this order "chronological"? In other words, do you have to have completed one step before you can go to the next one? Or do you think certain steps could also take place in another order? Or maybe certain steps can happen at the same time. Write down some thoughts on this.

2.(5) Conversion implies, among other things, believing in God. Justification is about forgiveness of sins. Little children can't really be said to be able to believe. Can they be justified? To put it in other words: does it make sense to have little children pray to God for forgiveness? Why? Write down some thoughts. (NB: an important question as the answer distinguishes those who baptize children like us from those who don't, like Mennonites and Pentecostals)

(If you weren't sure why we should study this subject, you should know now ☺)