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Section: Doctrine of Christ (Christology)

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q89. What do we receive when we are saved?**

Among other blessings, we receive the forgiveness of all our sins, justification, reconciliation, adoption, and eternal life with Jesus, having now been sealed by the Holy Spirit.

* **We Receive the Forgiveness of All Our Sins**

**Colossians 1:13-14** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Romans 6:10** For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

**Hebrews 9:28** so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**Hebrews 7:27** He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

Your debt has been paid, and as our answer and passages teach, at the moment of salvation, we HAVE “forgiveness of all our sins.”

**1689 Confession of Faith**: **“**By his obedience and death, Christ fully paid the debt of all those who are justified. He endured in their place the penalty they deserved. By this sacrifice of himself in his bloodshed on the cross, he legitimately, really, and fully satisfied God’s justice on their behalf …”

* **Justification**

**Justification**:God declares a believer *not guilty* based on the believer being credited Jesus Christ’s perfect righteousness.

* **Reconciliation**

**Romans 5:1** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Psalm 27:4** One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquirein his temple.

* **Adoption**

**Adoption:** The gracious act of God in which He makes a believer one of His children, giving the privileges of sonship.

* **Eternal Life with Jesus**

**1 John 5:11** And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* **Sealed by the Holy Spirit**

**Ephesians 1:13-14** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**2 Corinthians 1:22** and [God] has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

**Q90. What is justification?**

Justification is the legal declaration in which God declares a believer not guilty based on the believer being credited Jesus Christ’s perfect righteousness.

**James 2:10** For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

**Proverbs 17:15** He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the Lord.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Philippians 3:9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith

**Romans 5:1** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Q91. What is adoption?**

Adoption is the gracious act of God in which He makes a believer one of His children, giving the privileges of sonship.

**1689 Confession of Faith**: “God has granted that all those who are justified would receive the grace of adoption, in and for the sake of his only Son Jesus Christ. By this they are counted among the children of God and enjoy the freedom and privileges of that relationship. They inherit his name, receive the spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, and are enabled to cry ‘Abba, Father!’ They are given compassion, protected, provided for, and chastened by him as a father. Yet they are never cast off but are sealed for the day of redemption and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.”

**Galatians 3:26** for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

**Ephesians 1:4-5** even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. *In love he predestined us for adoption as sons* through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will

**1 John 3:1-2** See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

**Matthew 16:24-26** Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”

**Romans 8:14-17** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**2 Corinthians 4:17-18** For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**Hebrews 12:1-29**