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Lecture 7 – The Doctrine of Salvation
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I) Introduction

A) “Of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Cor 1.30)

B) Overview

II) Righteous in Christ: justification

A) Introduction

WSC 33 What is justification? A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

B) Exposition

- 1) **An *act* of God's free grace** – God's final judgment *now* (John 5.24-25)
- 2) ***Pardon and acceptance as righteous***
- 3) **Only on the basis of *Christ's righteousness imputed to us***
- 4) ***Received by faith alone***

(a) Faith is ***not the basis*** of justification—my teen years; short accounts; etc.

(b) ***Light illumines***, the eye sees. ***Food feeds***, the mouth eats. ***Christ's righteousness justifies***, faith receives.

C) **The grace in which we stand.**

III) Renewal in Christ: sanctification

A) Introduction

WSC 35 What is sanctification? A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Augustine's image of the “**double cure**”

B) Exposition

- 1) **Renewed in the *whole person* after the *image of God* (grace restores and perfects nature)**

Why the law is a good thing for the redeemed: Psalm 19

2) ***Mortification and vivification***

3) **“More and more”**: a process, not a once-for-all event

4) **The necessity of *Word and Spirit***

(a) **The problem is *within* us, but the solution is *not*.**

(i) “The ethics of authenticity” (Charles Taylor)

(ii) Our authentic selves are found **“in Christ”**: “your life is hidden with Christ in God” (Col 3.3)

(b) **The Spirit renews us according to the image of Christ as he is presented to us in Holy Scripture**

C) **The grace by which we *walk*.**

IV) **Reward in Christ: glorification**

A) **Beholding the face of the triune God is *the highest blessing of salvation*.**

B) **Titus 2.13**: “our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ”

Christ the Logos and the creaturely logoi (bread of life, living water, light of the world)

C) **The grace for which we *long*.**

V) **ST considers *relationships* between doctrines** (here: justification, sanctification, glorification)

A) **Romans 5.1-10**

B) **ILL: Foundations of Texas houses**

Foundations come *first*. But foundations are laid in order *to build a house, to live in a house, for what happens in a house*.

C) **Justification is the grace in which we *stand*. Sanctification is the grace by which we *walk*. Glorification is the grace for which we *long*.**

VI) **Conclusion: “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness”**