

Study Guide to Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology*

Part 5

The Doctrine of the Application of Redemption

Read: Chapter 31: Common Grace

Q1: What is common grace? Define the terminology and give a few biblical examples?

Q2: What are some of the limits of common grace? In other words, how is common grace distinct from God's saving grace?

Read: Chapter 32: Election and Reprobation

Q3: In your own words define election and predestination?

Q4: Is election conditional or unconditional? Explain your answer using Scripture.

Q5: In your own words define reprobation. What are the differences between election and reprobation?

Q6: Deal with the objection that a belief in unconditional election will kill evangelistic zeal.

Read: Chapter 33: The Gospel Call and Effective Calling

Q7: Define the gospel call and effective call. Compare and contrast these two callings. How are they alike and how are they different?

Read: Chapter 34: Regeneration

Q8: What is regeneration? Use Scripture as you define this word.

Q9: Who does the work of regeneration: God or man? Is it a human or divine activity? Defend your answer.

Q10: What are the results of regeneration in a person's life?

Read: Chapter 35: Conversion (Faith and Repentance)

Q11: Define faith and repentance. What do these words mean as used in the Bible?

Q12: What are the necessary aspects of a saving faith? In other words, what distinguishes a saving faith from a non-saving faith?

Q13: What are the necessary aspects of a saving repentance? Put another way, what distinguishes a saving repentance from a non-saving repentance?

Read: Chapter 36: Justification (Right Legal Standing Before God)

Q14: Define justification and explain the various aspects of this doctrine.

Q15: What is imputation? Define the term and explain the three major imputations in the Bible.

Read: Chapter 37: Adoption (Membership in God's Family)

Q16: In your own words, define adoption. Use Scripture in your answer.

Q17: What are some of the great benefits of adoption into the family of God?

Read: Chapter 38: Sanctification (Growth in Likeness to Christ)

Q18: Define sanctification. How is the word used in the Bible?

Q19: In what ways is sanctification distinct from justification? Why is it important to recognize these differences?

Q20: Explain the different stages in sanctification.

Q21: What is God's part in sanctification? What is our part in sanctification?

Read: Chapter 39: Baptism in and Filling With the Holy Spirit

Q22: According to Scripture, what does it mean to be baptized and in the Spirit? What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?

Q23: How would you answer the Pentecostal and Charismatic view of the baptism of the Spirit?

Read: Chapter 40: The Perseverance of the Saints (Remaining a Christian)

Q24: In your own words, define perseverance.

Q25: Can a person who is saved by the grace of God fall away and be eternally condemned? Defend your answer from Scripture. Also, what about those who abandon the faith? How do you explain what happened to them?

Q26: How can a person have assurance of their salvation? What are some of the evidences and proofs of genuine conversion?

Read: Chapter 41: Death and the Intermediate State

Q27: What happens to people when they die? What do believers and unbelievers experience in the afterlife?

Read: Chapter 42: Glorification (Receiving a Resurrection Body)

Q28: In your own words, define glorification.

Q29: Out of what is the resurrection body made? How will the resurrection body be different and better than our present bodies?

Read: Chapter 43: Union With Christ

Q30: Union with Christ is a massive biblical theme. Define the terminology and explain many of the benefits of being "in Christ".

Turn in your answers to the elder in charge of this study and set up a meeting with him to discuss the doctrine of the application of redemption.