



Lecture # 23

Bible Doctrine I- TH-110

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Course Information

1. Course Description

A study of the persons of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit and their unified teaching of the doctrines of the Bible.

Survey of the Doctrines of the Bible

VII-The Doctrine of Salvation

1-Gospel	<u>1 Cor. 15:1</u>
2-Salvation	<u>Rom. 10:13</u>
3-Reconciliation	<u>2 Cor. 5:19</u>
4-Propitiation	<u>Rom. 3:25</u>
5-Redemption	<u>1 Pet. 1:18-19</u>
6-Substitutionary Death	<u>Rom. 5:8</u>
7-Predestination	<u>Eph. 1:5</u>
8-Foreknowledge	<u>Rom. 8:29</u>
9-Conversion	<u>Rom. 6:17</u>
10-Repentance	<u>Luke 13:3</u>
11-Saving Faith	<u>Eph. 2:8</u>
12-Justification	<u>Rom. 3:28</u>
13-Forgiveness of Sins	<u>Eph. 1:7</u>
14-Regeneration	<u>Titus 3:5</u>
15-Adoption	<u>Eph. 1:5</u>
16-Union with Christ	<u>John 15:5</u>
17-Assurance	<u>1 John 5:13</u>
18-The Security of the Believer	<u>John 10:28</u>
19-Separation	<u>2 Cor. 6:17</u>
20-Priesthood of Believers	<u>1 Peter 2:9</u>
21-Liberty and Responsibility	<u>1 Cor. 9:19</u>
22-Prayer	<u>Matt. 7:7</u>
23-Fasting	<u>Isaiah 58:6</u>
24-Infant Salvation	<u>Matt. 19:14</u>
25-Dedication to the Will of God	<u>Rom. 12:1-2</u>

Introduction to Doctrinal Footnotes

These theological footnotes are divided into three sections **(1) explanation**, **(2) illustration**, and **(3) application**. When you have absorbed all the notes within one topic area, you will have completed a total survey of that doctrine.



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VII-Doctrine of Salvation

15-Adoption

[Eph. 1:5](#)

Ephesians 1:5 (NASB)

⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

Explanation: **Five times** the apostle Paul uses the word adoption to describe an important aspect of the salvation experience ([Romans 8:15](#); [Romans 8:23](#); [Romans 9:4](#); [Galatians 4:5](#); [Ephesians 1:5](#)).

Romans 8:15 (NASB)

¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a **spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”**

Romans 8:23 (NASB)

²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly **for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.**

Romans 9:4 (NASB)

⁴ Who are Israelites, to whom belongs **the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the *temple* service and the promises,**

Galatians 4:5 (NASB)

⁵ So that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive **the adoption as sons.**

Ephesians 1:5 (NASB)

⁵ He predestined us **to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,**

Under Roman law adoption was a common means of appointing an heir. It legally transferred a person from the natural father’s authority to the adoptive father. Paul uses this term to describe the believer’s position with God. This is the means whereby the Christian becomes a son of God, and therefore an heir with Christ.

Illustration: When Abraham was without a son, he apparently considered adopting Eliezer his servant as the heir of his household.

Application: Because the Christian is an adopted son of God, he can enjoy an intimacy with his heavenly Father ([Galatians 4:6](#)).

Galatians 4:6 (NASB)

⁶ Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”



16-Union with Christ

[John 15:5](#)

[John 15:5 \(NASB\)](#)

⁵ “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

Explanation: The uniqueness of the Christian experience results from the union of Christ and the believer. This is expressed in Scripture as Christ being in the believer and the believer in Christ. Ten times Paul uses the Greek preposition “*sun*” (**together**) to describe this relationship.

Believers were:

crucified ([Galatians 2:20](#)),

[Galatians 2:20 \(NASB\)](#)

²⁰ **I have been crucified with Christ**; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

dead ([Colossians 2:20](#)),

[Colossians 2:20 \(NASB\)](#)

²⁰ **If you have died with Christ** to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as,

buried ([Romans 6:4](#)),

[Romans 6:4 \(NASB\)](#)

⁴ Therefore **we have been buried** with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

quicken or made alive ([Ephesians 2:1-5](#); [Colossians 2:13](#)),

[Ephesians 2:1-5 \(NASB\)](#)

¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved),

[Colossians 2:13 \(NASB\)](#)

¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He made you alive** together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,



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raised ([Colossians 3:1](#); [Ephesians 2:6](#)),

[Colossians 3:1 \(NASB\)](#)

¹ Therefore if you have **been raised up** with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

[Ephesians 2:6 \(NASB\)](#)

⁶ And **raised us up** with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

seated ([Ephesians 2:6](#)), and

[Ephesians 2:6 \(NASB\)](#)

⁶ And raised us up with Him, **and seated us** with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

glorified ([Romans 8:17](#)) together with Christ.

[Romans 8:17 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁷ And if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that **we may also be glorified with Him**.

Illustration: Jesus used the image of the vine and its branches to describe His union with the believer.

Application: On the basis of this union, the apostle Paul showed how the successful Christian life can be opened **with four key words** in [Romans 6](#): *know* ([v.6](#)), *reckon or consider* ([v.11](#)), *yield o present* ([v.13](#)) and *obey* ([v.17](#)). The Christian can conquer sin because Christ lives in him ([Galatians 2:20](#)).

[Romans 6:6 \(NASB\)](#)

⁶ **Knowing** this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

[Romans 6:11 \(NASB\)](#)

¹¹ Even so **consider** yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

[Romans 6:13 \(NASB\)](#)

¹³ And do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin *as* instruments of unrighteousness; but **present** yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.

[Romans 6:17 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁷ But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became **obedient** from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,