

1 Cor 15:21-22

Over the past two weeks I have endeavoured to show from scripture that faith and reason are not adversaries in the Christian life, but rather companions. My premise has been simple, and that is when Jesus redeems a man or a woman he does not buy back bits and pieces of you and your life but rather his blood has purchased you in your entirety. This includes your mind and your ability to think and reason.

Now, reason is a learned behavior. Whether through observation -like Newton supposedly getting hit in the head with an apple, formal instruction- where someone who has learned something is now passing it onto you, or conditioning- learning to respond based on repeated exposure to something, you think the way you do because you learned to think that way.

When it comes to your salvation, an important distinction needs to be made between the mechanics of salvation, and we also need to make a comparison between those mechanics of salvation and the mechanics of your physical life.

Mechanics of salvation:

- Romans 8:29-30 **29**For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, **in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.** **30**And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.
 - So we have foreknowledge, predestination, calling, Justification and Glorification
- Galatians 2:1-9 **1**And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2**in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3**among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body^a and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.^b **4**But^c God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5**even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6**and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7**so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8**For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9**not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
 - Here we see that God has made us alive “by Grace through faith” this making us alive is the being “born again” that Jesus spoke of with

Nicodemus in John 3 and in the just as the spirit is solely responsible for for the new birth grace and faith are not our doing they are a gift of God so in between calling and justification you can insert "regeneration" or "making alive again" by grace through faith.

- After Justification by grace through faith the bible speaks of the growth of believers into Christlikeness a process known as being sanctified [14](#)For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.
- So the list looks like this
 - God who is Omniscient and Eternal chose to redeem a group of people from there sin and he did this by calling them to believe in His resurrected Son. Since these elected individuals were dead in their sin and incapable of even the simple task believing in His Son, God caused them to be made alive with his resurrected son and gave them new life through regenerating work of His Spirit. And because they had been given a New Birth, they have a new nature able and desirous to believe in the risen son of God. Such faith is not their own doing but the gift or grace of God and it changes their position or standing or relationship with God. This shift in position is known as justification and gives these foreknown, chosen, reborne, believing children of God the right to spend eternity with God in His perfect dwelling. But before eternity it inaugurates a process wherein these spiritual babies grow to look more and more like their savior Jesus, a process whereby they are being set apart or Sanctified.