

*All Thy works shall praise Thee, O LORD Psalm 145:9**

God-Centered Salvation & Evangelism

[Presented as an alternative to the traditional TULIP]

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Ephesians 2:4-9

P

Plight of Mankind

A Reality

In the Garden of Eden, God gave Adam a real choice with real consequences: Eternal life with God or death. His wrong choice left mankind "dead in their trespasses and sins." Without God, man's estate was truly hopeless with "none that seek after righteousness, no not one." By understanding the truly bad news we can then see the need for the True Savior. *Scripture: Gen 1-3; Romans 1-3; Titus 3:3-8; Galatians 3:21-23; Jerimiah 17:9*

R

Resolve of Our Triune God

A Mystery

God's eternal plan is to demonstrate his great mercy and love through the salvation of His saints and His justice with the punishment of the wicked. While a full understanding of God's purposes is beyond our understanding, we do see the end of the matter, "For of Him and through Him, and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever.- Amen." *Scripture: Ephesians 1:1-14; II Corinthians 1:3-11; Romans 9; 11:25-36; Colossians 3; Isaiah 53 & 55*

A

Applying the Work of Jesus

A Wonder

God could not "wink" at sin, but had to maintain His justice while justifying those chosen to be saved. To accomplish this work of salvation, God the Son became flesh "to save His people from their sin." He lived a perfect life; took the punishment of our sins on the cross, was raised in power. He now sits at the right hand of God the Father as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. *Scripture Matthew 1:21; John 17; Romans 1:3-7 & 3:21-4:25; I Corinthians 1:1-11; II Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:1-11; Colossians 1:14-22; the Book of Hebrews*

I

Inclusion Through the Holy Spirit

A Mission

God the Holy Spirit provides the gift of faith & new hearts for God's people, giving us the power to repent of our sins, live lives of obedience and to be protected in this life from the devil, the world and our own flesh. It is in the Book of Acts where we learn about His great work where He unites God's people to Christ, as the earth is filled with the Kingdom of Jesus. *Scripture: The Book of Acts; John 3:1-21; Galatians 5; Ephesians 2:1-10*

S

Secure in the Hand of God

A Blessing

Just as we were not able to save ourselves from sin, we cannot live the Christian life without the power and protection of our God. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them." We are secure in the hands of our loving God. *Scripture: John 6:31-65; John 10:1-42 & 14:15-31; Romans 8; 12-1-2; I Corinthians 1:1-9; Philippians 1:3-10; Colossians 2:6-10; I Peter 1 & 2*

E

Extending the Kingdom

A Calling

As thankful children of God, we are to be those beautiful feet that preach the Gospel of Peace and bring glad tidings to all the nations of the earth, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them all the commands of Jesus! We evangelize, and our evangelism will be successful in extending the kingdom of Jesus, because our sovereign God does the electing, applying, including, and preserving.

Scripture: Genesis 12:2-3; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:6-21; I Corinthians 15:20-28; Colossians 4:2-6; I Timothy 2:1-8

Heidelberg Catechism Question #1: What is thy only comfort in life and death?

Answer: "That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must work together for my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him."

* *References to God's praise occur over one hundred times in the Book of Psalms alone!*