

Systematic Theology session 42  
Redeemed, Part 11

- The *ordo salutis* (order of salvation):
  - 0: Election
  - 1a: Effectual call
  - 1b: Regeneration
  - 2a: Repentance unto life
  - 2b: Faith in Jesus Christ
  - 3a: Justification
  - 3b: Definitive sanctification
  - 3c: Adoption
  - 4a: Progressive sanctification
  - 4b: Perseverance in holiness
- The effect of regeneration in changing the will.
  - The will as being one of the streams that come from the heart.
  - The definition of the will as being our internal source of power through which choices are made.
    - The will as separate from the intellect, but the mind as influencing the will.
  - The first choice that mankind had to make was the choice given to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.
    - The free will that Adam and Eve had in the garden to make that choice.
  - The state of man after the fall, in the unredeemed condition, as not having a will that is truly free.
    - The will as being a quality of a person's nature, rather than a quality of the person.
    - A person's will as being bound by that person's nature.
    - The unredeemed nature as having a will that is not truly free, since it is bound to sinful unbelief; we can only will what our nature desires (Matthew 7:18; Jeremiah 13:23).
    - "Free agency" as being more accurate than "free will" to describe the unredeemed will.
      - "Free agency" as meaning that the person chooses voluntarily.
    - The unredeemed will does not have the ability to choose to come to Christ (Matthew 19:26).
      - The error of Arminianism, that "the Holy Spirit is a gentleman, and will not infringe on your free will," which would mean we would truly be without hope.
    - The need for regeneration to change the heart, and therefore the will, so that an elect person can come to Christ.
      - The ability of man to change his will as being impossible, but with God, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).
      - The need for irresistible grace, the drawing power of God in regeneration, to come to Christ (John 6:37-44, especially verse 44; John 6:45).
      - The fact that God works alone in changing our hearts, and therefore changing our wills (not merely persuading, but working a real change of will) (Ezekiel 36:24-27; Philippians 2:12-13).
      - Our wills as displayed in our words, and the promise that our speech will be changed (Zephaniah 3:9; Isaiah 57:15-19; Hebrews 13:15).