

# The Doctrine of the Application of Redemption

## Application Questions

**Chapter 31 Common Grace** ~ What are the undeserved blessings that God gives to all people, both believers and unbelievers?

1. What is Common grace and how does it differ from Special Grace?
2. It is often painful to see the wicked prospering, as David describes in the Psalms. In what ways would a greater understanding of Common Grace help you to reconcile why God may be allowing that?
3. How could the doctrine of Common Grace help you to encourage someone who feels downtrodden and abandoned by God?
4. Come up with 10 evidences of Common Grace that you have benefited from in the past 24 hours

**Chapter 33 The Gospel Call and Effective Calling** ~ What is the gospel message? How does it become effective?

1. Write out your answer to the question - "What is the gospel, how can I be saved?"

**Chapter 34 Regeneration** ~ What does it mean to be born again?

1. How would you help someone who is feeling anxious and unsure of their regeneration? What would you encourage them to consider in order to gain greater assurance?
2. Why must regeneration come before faith (even if only by mere milliseconds)? If you disagree, explain why.
3. How would you use the Doctrine of Regeneration to approach someone close to you who is claiming to be a Christian but their life is seeming to show otherwise. What would you say to them?

**Chapter 35 Conversion (Faith and Repentance)** ~ What is saving faith? What is true repentance? Is repentance from sin necessary for salvation?

1. In what ways does the word “trust” helpfully articulate to an unbeliever the call of the gospel to place saving faith in Christ?
2. How would you help someone distinguish if they are experiencing true godly sorrow or worldly grief over their?
3. Why is it impossible to accept Jesus as your savior but not Lord? In what ways are these necessarily related at the moment of salvation?

**Chapter 36 Justification (Right Legal Standing Before God)** ~ How and when do we gain right legal standing before God?

1. How would you explain what it means that Christians are justified by faith? What couple verses help articulate this?
2. How would the doctrine of Justification help you encourage a fellow Christian who feels God is punishing them for their past sins? What verse or verses would you point them to?

**Chapter 37 Adoption (Membership in God’s Family)** ~ What are the benefits of being a member of God’s family?

1. Which privilege of adoption had you not considered before when reflecting on the fact that you have been adopted into the family of God?
2. In what ways should the Doctrine of Adoption impact how you interact with fellow Christians? Where could you step up in how you use your gifts in order to care for and build up the family of God?

**Chapter 38 Sanctification (Growth in Likeness to Christ)** ~ How do we grow in Christian maturity? What are the blessings of Christian growth?

1. In living the Christian life, have you maintained a balance between your passive role and your active role in sanctification, or have you tended to emphasize one aspect over the other, and why?
  - a. What might you do to correct this imbalance, if there is one in your life?
  
2. How would you correct someone who says that they believe that they need to just “let go and let God?” What passages could you use to correct this wrong belief?

**Chapter 40 Perseverance of Saints ( Remaining a Christian)** ~ Can true Christians lose their salvation? How can we know if we are truly born again?

1. Do you have assurance that you are truly born again?
  - a. What evidence do you see in your own life to give you that assurance?
  
  - b. Why do you think that God wants believers to have firm assurance that they are his people? (See **1 John 5:13**)
  
  - c. In what ways have you seen a pattern of growth in your Christian life over time?
  
2. If you have doubts about whether you are truly born again, what is it in your life that is giving reason for those doubts?
  - a. What would Scripture encourage you or someone else to do in order to resolve their doubts (see **2 Peter 1:5-11**; also **Matt. 11:28-30**; **John 6:37**)?

3. Is it possible that people would profess agreement with every true Christian doctrine and still not be born again? What are some verses that warn us of such a possibility?
  - a. What are some more reliable evidences of genuine conversion other than intellectual adherence to sound doctrine?