

5. By cooperating with the Holy Spirit's power in Connecting with the body of Christ, Deepening our relationship with Christ, and Impacting the world for Christ we grow in holiness. Which of these three ways of cooperating is needing more attention right now in your life?

6. What's one step you can take this next week to help someone in your Top 5 come closer to Christ (for Top 5 see <https://bit.ly/3dQUwCg>). Consider the BLESS practices in answering this question: Begin with Prayer, Listen with care, Eat a meal, Serve in love, Share your story.

7. Meditate on Romans 8:28-39. What is most encouraging and assuring to you in these verses?

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Room of Marvels **(A Series on Foundational Bible Doctrines)**

"The Gavel Key: The Doctrine of Salvation"
Romans 8:28-39

Every day we breath in powerfully told stories, captivating images, and pervasive messages that indoctrinate us into looking at our world apart from what God has revealed to us in _____.

It's as if we're falling under a "spell" where God becomes increasing irrelevant in our lives. Our beliefs become increasing unbelievable. And we walk away from our faith in our minds and our hearts, and sometimes with our _____.

To break this "spell," we need to be reminded of and more deeply comprehend the foundational teachings of our faith so that we will be captivated by their immense beauty, goodness, and _____.

What is essential to know about salvation?

1. The Hand of _____ (John 10:27-29; Ephesians 1:4,13-14; Romans 8:28-29)
"Election is the King's solid, sure, unbreakable plan to save a people for himself and for his glory." (Emblems)

Caution:

- Keep God's work and plans at the _____.
- Free will is _____.
- Personal responsibility and mission are never trumped by _____.

2. The Cross of _____ (Romans 3:25)
Atonement is about making amends or setting things _____.

Substitutionary atoning sacrifice = Jesus dies in our place to make amends and to make things _____.

3. The Mountain of God's Gospel _____ (1 Peter 2:9)

4. The Heart of _____ (1 Corinthians 1:21-22)

5. The Gavel of _____ (Romans 3:21-24)

6. The Bridge of _____ (Colossians 1:21-23)
We need reconciliation because we are enemies of God and alienated from him by our _____.

7. The Tree of _____ (Romans 8:15-17)

8. The Chain of _____ (Romans 6:5)

9. The Stairs of _____ (1 Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 4:20-24)
Sanctification is first about being made _____.

Cooperating with the Work of the Holy Spirit:

- We _____ with the Body of Christ through corporate worship, fellowship, and stewardship
- We _____ our Relationship with Christ through prayer, Scripture, and surrender.
- We _____ the World for Christ through evangelism, compassion and missions.

10. The Crown of _____ (Romans 8:30)

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. What are some common misunderstandings of salvation?

3. Of the ten doctrines that are related to salvation (from the sermon), which is most difficult for you to understand or appreciate?

4. Of the ten doctrines that are related to salvation (from the sermon), which one is most encouraging to you?