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**Sin and Salvation**

**I. Sin**

*A. Biblical Emphases*

* Doubting/disobeying God’s Word 🡪 harming other humans, creation
* Idolatry and injustice

*B. Theological Implications*

Sin’s Definition

* + Any act or its absence that displeases God
  + Not = error or finitude
  + Both objective and subjective; involving degrees

Sin’s Dynamics

* + Pride or despair; attack and flight
  + Addiction and evil

Seven Deadly Sins

* + Capital vices from which sins spring
  + Tempters: world, flesh, devil

Sin’s Structural Dimensions

*C. Original Sin*

Original Guilt

* + Pelagianism: non-necessary imitation of Adam’s sin; condemned in 418, 431, 529
  + Augustinianism: imputation of Adam’s sin
  + Romans 5:12–21

The Bondage of the Will

* + Adam’s act imputed, with guilt removed and *habitus* renewed in (infant) baptismal regeneration; remaining concupiscence potentially sinful (Catholics)
  + Catholic position, with concupiscence already actually sinful (Lutherans)
  + Somehow guilty due to Adam’s act, with guilt removed and free will restored via either (infant) baptism or a universal benefit of the cross (Arminians/Wesleyans)
  + Adam’s act imputed, with guilt removed in declaration of justification and *habitus* renewed in event of regeneration (Reformed)
    - Adamic imputation via representation (federal headship) …
    - … and/or realism (biological descent)

**II. Salvation**

*A. United with Christ: Election and Calling*

* Unconditional, individual election; volitional human freedom (Calvinists)
* Conditional, individual election; libertarian human freedom (classical Arminians)
* Corporate election; libertarian human freedom (contemporary Arminians)
* Christological election; volitional? human freedom (Barthians)

*B. Delivered from Sin’s Penalty: Justification*

The Catholic Background

* + Process of being made righteous by infusion

The Lutheran Difference

* + Event of being declared righteous based on imputation

Biblical Teaching

* + Romans 4, James 2, Luke 18:9–14 …

*C. Delivered from Sin’s Power: Regeneration*

* Baptismal regeneration before or at initial faith (Orthodox, Catholics, Lutherans)
* Event before or at initial faith (traditional Calvinists)
* Event after initial faith (modified Calvinists, some Arminians)
* Process after initial faith (other Arminians)

*D. Delivered from Sin’s Presence: Glorification*

* Purgatory?
* *Theosis*?