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SALVATION

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Acts 8:26–40

Total Depravity – Is man unable or unwilling to come to God? John 5:39-40

Unconditional Election – Salvation is not earned. Ephesians 2:8-9

- Does everyone have a chance to respond to Christ? _____
2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4; John 6:37-47
- “Not all men are created with similar destinies, but eternal life is foreordained for some; eternal damnation for others.” *John Calvin INSTITUTES, Book Three, Chapter 2*
- The Bible teaches both God is sovereign and man is responsible for his choices. 1 Chronicles 10:4 & 13-14

Limited atonement – Is Christ’s death limited in provision or application?

2 Peter 2:1& 3:9; Hebrews 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:4; 1 John 2:2; Exodus 12:3-4, 7, 12

Irresistible Grace – Forced, made willing, or invited to respond? John 6:37-47

“God created human beings with free moral agency, and He does not violate this even in the supernatural work of regeneration. Christ does not rudely bludgeon His way into the human heart. He does not abrogate our creaturely freedom. No, he beckons and woos, He pleads and pursues, He waits and wins” Timothy George *Amazing Grace*, p. 74

Perseverance of the Saints – If you could lose your salvation, you already would have. John 10:27; 1 John 5:13; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:35-39

“Words like called, chosen, election, foreknowledge and predestination are in Holy Scripture. We should embrace them, examine them and seek to understand them. Words like believe, evangelist, go, preach, receive and repent are also in the Bible. Biblical balance requires that we embrace and affirm these as well.” *Daniel L. Akin President of Southeastern Baptist Seminary*

“You ask me to reconcile the two. I answer, they do not want any reconciliation...Both are true” *Charles Spurgeon August 1, 1858.*

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Visit HoustonsFirst.org and click on the “Get in the Game” button shown here. You’ll be taken to a listing of over 130 opportunities to volunteer! Scan the whole list, or jump straight to a ministry that interests you. Then, complete and submit a brief online form and a team leader will contact you soon!



While every team is taking volunteers, here are some of our particular needs right now. Look for these online or contact the team leader below for more information.

- 1. Enrichment Team** (Married Young Adults). Volunteers will focus on encouraging, equipping, and empowering the couples of HFBC to thrive in their marriages. By planning and organizing quarterly marriage enrichment events and helping shape and focus our semi-annual marriage retreat, the Enrichment Team impacts the marriages at HFBC and beyond. (Eric Reed; eric.reed@hfbc.org; 713.957.7680)
- 2. Financial Training Team** (Mission Training Center). Volunteers will assist the needy in learning about financial accountability. (Claudia Reyes; claudia.reyes@hfbc.org; 713.681.3521)
- 3. High Risers: Saturday Morning Basketball** (Recreation). Volunteers will play basketball, lead prayer and devotionals with the players and look for ministry opportunities to have one-on-one conversations with participants. We meet on Saturday mornings from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM. (Bill Wise; bill.wise@hfbc.org; 713.957.6700)
- 4. Marketing Specialist** (The HUB Student Ministry). If you have experience and training in marketing, we could use your help. Volunteers will provide assistance in the promotion of all Student Ministry events including giving direction to graphic design, developing promotion strategies and assisting in planning. Most work can be done from home by computer and timing is flexible. What a great way to increase our effectiveness in reaching this generation for Christ. (Doug Bischoff; doug.bischoff@hfbc.org; 713.957.7630)
- 5. Special Event Team** (Ministries). Volunteers will greet and assist people at special events sponsored by the Ministries Department or Jason Swiggart, such as conferences, seminars, special services and church-wide events such as Spring Loaded. (Nancy Monarch; nancy.monarch@hfbc.org; 713.957.7651)