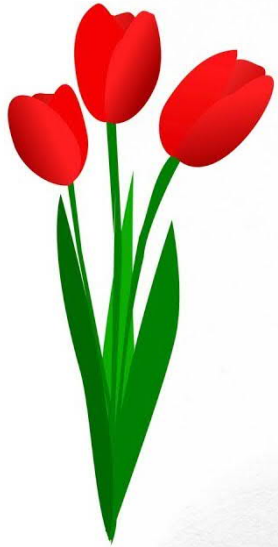


# 5 Points of Calvinism - TULIP



**T**otal Depravity

Lesson 1 and 2

**U**nconditional Election

Lesson 3, 4 and 5

**L**imited Atonement

Lesson 6 and 7

**I**rresistible Grace

Lesson 8

**P**erseverance of the Saints

Lesson 9 and 10

Total depravity



Man sinned



Imputed & original sin



Rebellious, false believers



Lake of fire & sulphur

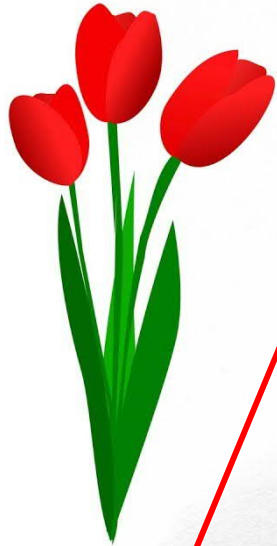


Many vs Few



Whoever has the Son has life

# 5 Points of Calvinism – TULIP – Lesson 3 – Part 1



**T**otal Depravity

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**P**erseverance of the Saints

Sovereign election

Sinners

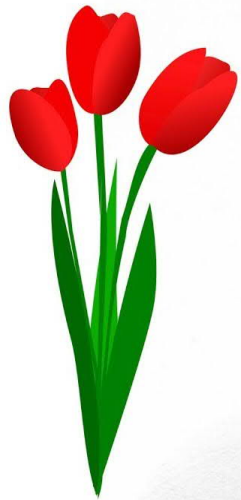
God

Christ

Spirit

Saints

# 5 Points of Calvinism - TULIP



**T**otal Depravity

God is holy, righteous and loving

**U**nconditional Election

Let God be God, and God will do what God does

**L**imited Atonement

**I**rresistible Grace

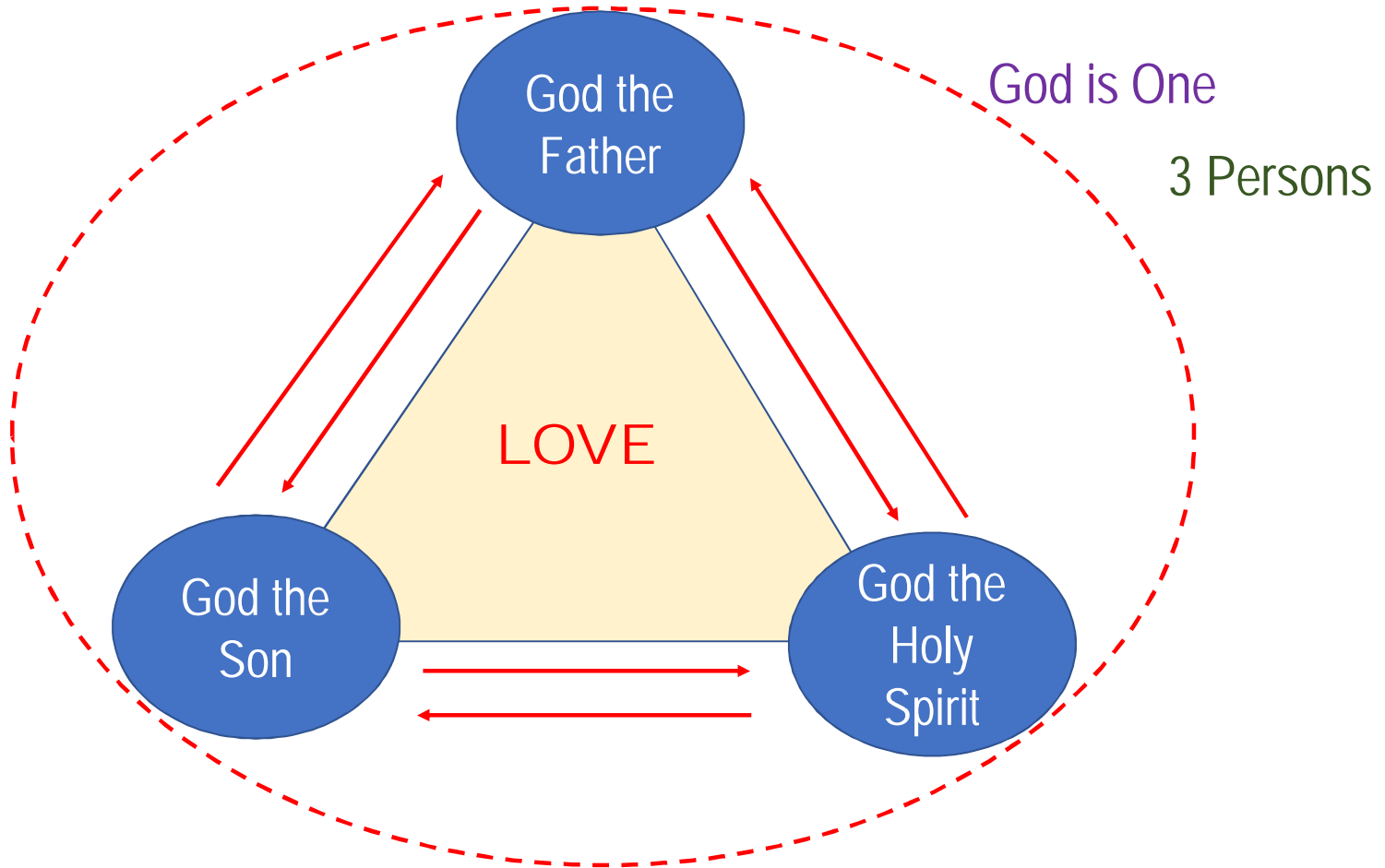
**P**erseverance of the Saints

## Unconditional Election

1. God's foreknowledge and election are profound, deep truths
2. We will journey into this realm of truths, into the divine infinity of the eternal purpose of God, and there will be a limit of how far we can really go
3. Our created, limited and corrupted minds could never fully grasp the purpose of God, surely beyond our capability to fully comprehend
4. Any limitation to understand these doctrines, is our limitation, not God's limitation
5. What we cannot resolve in our mind, God can resolve in His mind
6. We accept by faith what the Scripture has revealed to us

Let God be God, and God will do what God does

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, .....God is love ( 1 Jn 4:7-8)



## Father loves The Son

Eternity past

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. (John 17:24)



.....the fruit of the Spirit is love...(Gal 5:22-23)

## The Son loves The Father

but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here. (John 14:31)



## The Trinity appeared together

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Mat 3:17 NIV)



Father public testimony for His Son  
Father declared love for His Son  
Father affirmed favour for His Son

and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; (Mat 3:16b)



## The Father promise to give the elects to His Son

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. (Ps 2:7-8 )



Eternity past  
Before creation

Creation

Time ends

Eternity future  
New heaven & new earth

The price is the life of The Son

The Son has to pay a price to redeem

.....for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, (Rev 5:9b)

The chosen people will be from



God The Father

Gift: The elects; The redeemed; The holy bride



Tribe, language,  
people, nation

God The Son

1. God the Father elects

Man is not born yet; non-existence; we don't contribute any merits

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. (Eph 1:3-6)

God choosing and predestination for 2 purposes:

- To be holy and blameless before Jesus Christ
- Adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ

God's glory



God's purpose of His will

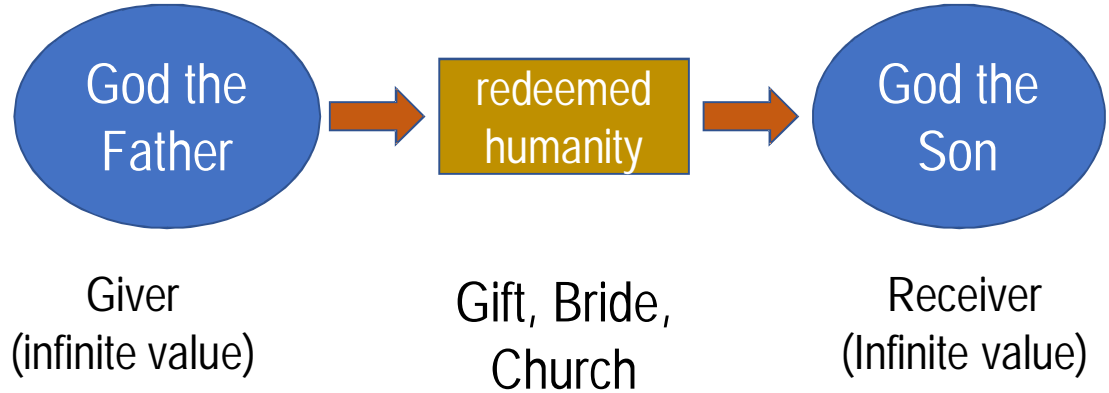
God The Father  
Glorious grace



Own will and  
purpose



Chose and  
Predestined the elects



.....written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. (Rev 13:8)

God wrote the elect names in the book



Salvation is always in original plan;  
It is not an "afterthought"

Book of Life opens

Rev 20:15





God The Son



Fulfilled and  
accomplished



Died and  
Resurrected

Jesus' death

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. (Eph 1:7-12)

God chose the elects

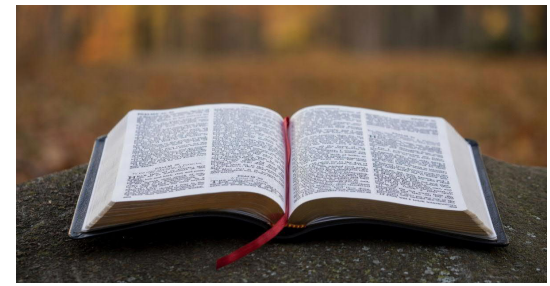
God The Spirit



Applies and seals



Regenerates and  
sanctifies



In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. (Eph 1:13-14)

to the praise of his glorious grace, (V6)

to the praise of his glory. (V12)

God The Father



Own Will and Purpose



Chose and Predestined  
the elects

God The Son



Fulfilled and  
Accomplished



Died and  
Resurrected

God The Holy Spirit

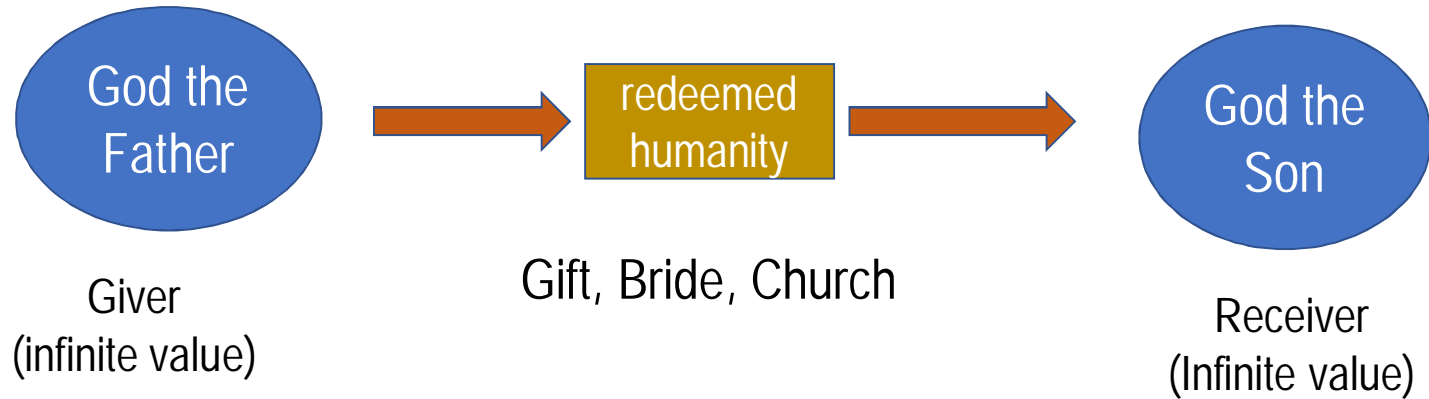


Applies and Seals



Regenerates and  
Sanctifies

# 1) In eternity past, God has chosen and predestined us



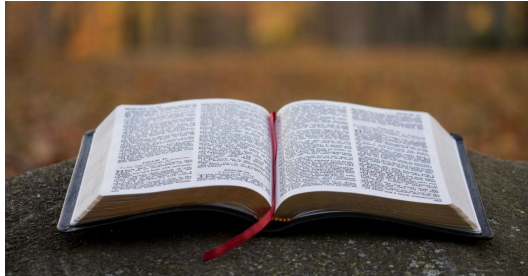
## Paul wrote to the Ephesus saints

Christ, the bridegroom

the bride

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Eph 5:25-27)

Church, the bride, **sanctified** by the word



splendor, without spot, wrinkle, holy, without blemish

## Paul wrote to the Corinthians church and saints

For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. ( 2 Cor 11:2)

The Father expresses His love for the Son by giving Him  
a gift, the redeemed humanity, the church, as a bride



## Jesus illustrated Himself as the bridegroom

<sup>14</sup> Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" <sup>15</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. (Mat 9:14-15)



Christ will be the bridegroom to redeem the bride to Himself



Jesus Christ

The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease." (Jn 3:29-30)

John's great humility



"look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him."

"I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him."

## Jesus spoke about the Parable of the Wedding Feast

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ( Mat 22:2)



The Father expressed His love for the Son  
by giving Him **a wedding feast**

## Jesus spoke about the heavenly banquet

<sup>29</sup> And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and **recline at table** in the kingdom of God. (Luke 13:29)

## Jesus spoke about the Parable of the Ten Virgins

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ( Mat 25:1)



5 were foolish and 5 were wise  
(true believers)

But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' (Mat 25:6)

# The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

The 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus Christ

Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his Bride has made herself ready;  
⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself  
with fine linen, bright and pure—  
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds  
of the saints. (Rev 19:7-8)



The church will be the bride of the Lamb

## John wrote about the bride of the Lamb



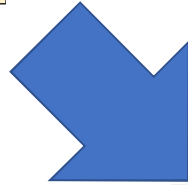
Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." (Rev 21:9)

The redeemed people belonged to Christ

2) Jesus has fulfilled the redemption work and  
granted His bride the salvation

And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." (John 6:65)

God The Father  
chose and predestined



God The Father  
grants him to come



come to me



No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. (John 6:44)

confirmed saved



Father draws first;  
then man comes to the Son



This is a sovereign and divine work, no man can come on his own, or understand, repent or believe on his own

All that the **Father** gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. (John 6:37)

Father chose,  
grants and draws

Irresistible grace:

The Father gives the elects to the Son;  
the elects will come to the Son willingly;

Perseverance of the saints:

It will be permanent, forever saved

'All' in this group

= whoever



Pre-determined, Intimate relationship

I am the good shepherd. I **know** my own and my own **know** me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father **knows** me and I **know** the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. (John 10:14-15)



Jesus laid down His life for His own sheep

All done by God

<sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of **regeneration and renewal** of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7)

The Holy Spirit will regenerate the elects  
with new life, quicken our spirits

In Christ alone

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, (John 16:13a)



The elects will hear the gospel and believe in Jesus Christ

2) The Holy Spirit applies the salvation to the  
elects through regeneration

Superficial, non-saving belief

<sup>23</sup> Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup> and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man. (Jn 2:23-25)

Jesus did not believe in their belief

Jesus is omniscient and can see inside a man



Jesus met with Nicodemus (John 3:1-15)

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. (John 3:1)

"Are you the teacher of Israel.... (Jn 3:10a)

Pharisees

Teacher

Sanhedrin

Doubt

Anxiety

Fear



# Nicodemus wanted to know about entering the kingdom of God

Not even a question



<sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

Pharisees only accepted Jesus as a Rabbi, a teacher

Devout

But spiritually dead

Law abiding

But no life in God

Knowledgeable

But does not know God

This true reality, different from what you had been taught

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (Jn 3:3)

Greatest fear of man

'another' - From above, divine birth, spiritual regeneration

Birth

From above

Why use the analogy of the birth?



## Why Birth ?



Man born on earth in flesh, remains in sin

Man born on earth in sin, remains in death

Man born and live on earth, can never enter heaven

earthly  
condition

VS

heavenly  
kingdom

<sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, ..... <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.  
(Ro 8:6-8)

Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh... (Gen 6:3a)

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Gen 6:5)



The flood wiped out the whole of mankind (except 8)  
but did not wipe out the sin in man

And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. (Gen 8:21a)

Why from above?



Man has no contribution to his own birth

Man cannot decide who his parents will be

Man cannot decide when, where or how to be born

Born again



Divine birth, from above

Man has no contribution to his spiritual birth too

All saving works are done by God and God alone

# Fully and wholly the work of God alone

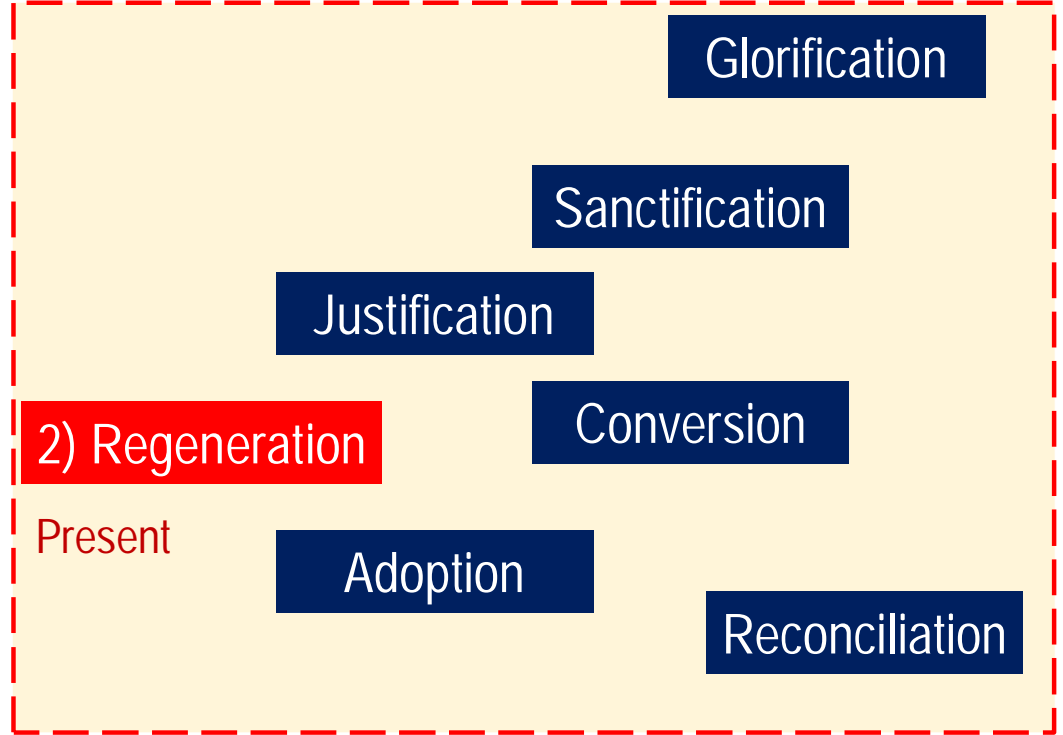
1) Election

Eternity past

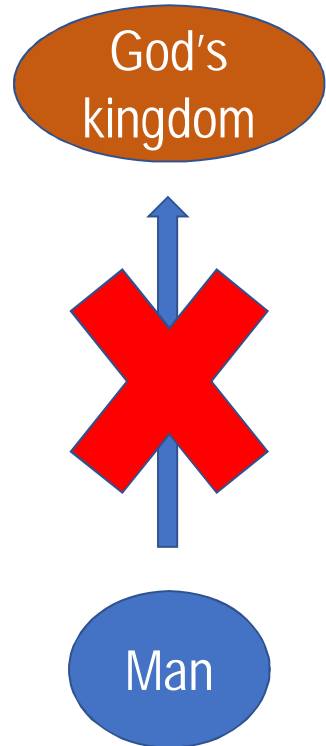


2) Regeneration

Present



Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (Jn 3:4)



He is right, humanly speaking, man cannot

Man, in his flesh, is helpless

Therefore, man, by himself, cannot see the kingdom of God

This is Not about water baptism

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (Jn 3:5)



I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. (Eze 36:25-27)



Fallen, corrupted, sinful humanness

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be **born again**.' (Jn 3:6-7)

Flesh



Flesh dies

1 birth, 2 deaths

(Physical death and Eternal death)

Born again

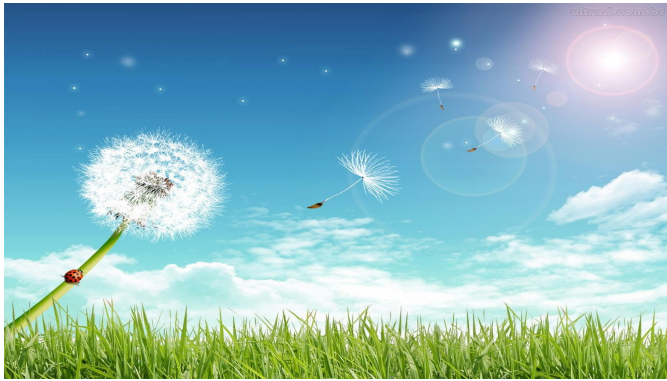


New life

2 births, 1 death

(Physical birth and Spiritual birth)

regeneration



## Totally the divine work of the Holy Spirit

No one can summon the wind to come

No one can control the wind where to blow

The wind does not show up because you want it

The wind does not go away because you don't want it

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." (Jn 3:8)

The Holy Spirit will rebirth anyone whom He wills and when He will

For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. (John 5:21)

What about us? Do we contribute something to our salvation?

Maybe we also help a bit?

Divine sovereign work



It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. (Jn 6:63)

No acts of man able to help



The bible is about God's election

Old  
Testament

New  
Testament

## God is sovereign and God chooses

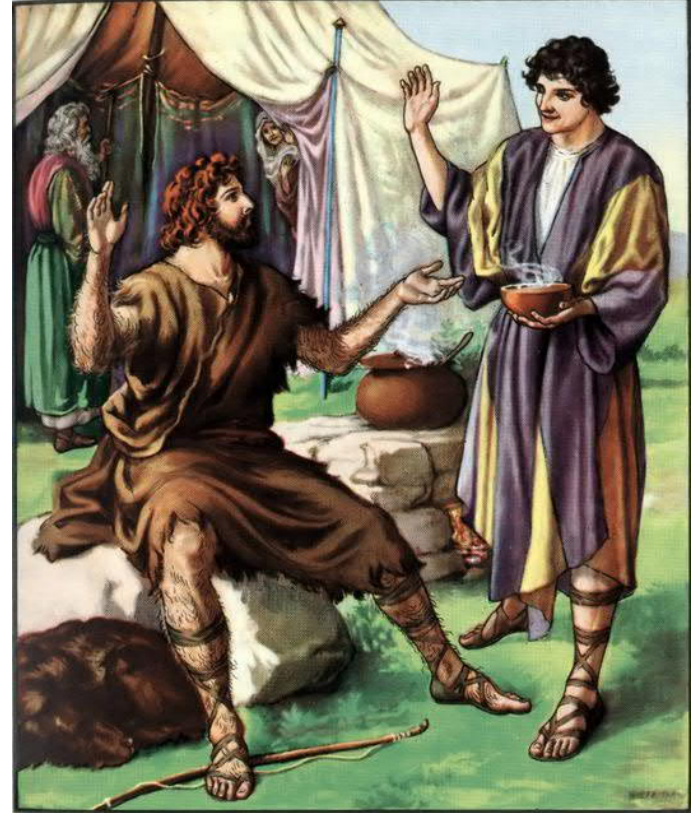
You are the LORD, **the God who chose Abram** and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham. (Neh 9:7)



75 years old

# God is sovereign and God chooses

As it is written, "**Jacob I loved**, but Esau I hated." (Ro 9:13)



## God is sovereign and God chooses

He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen. (Ps 105:26)

So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. (Ps 105:43)



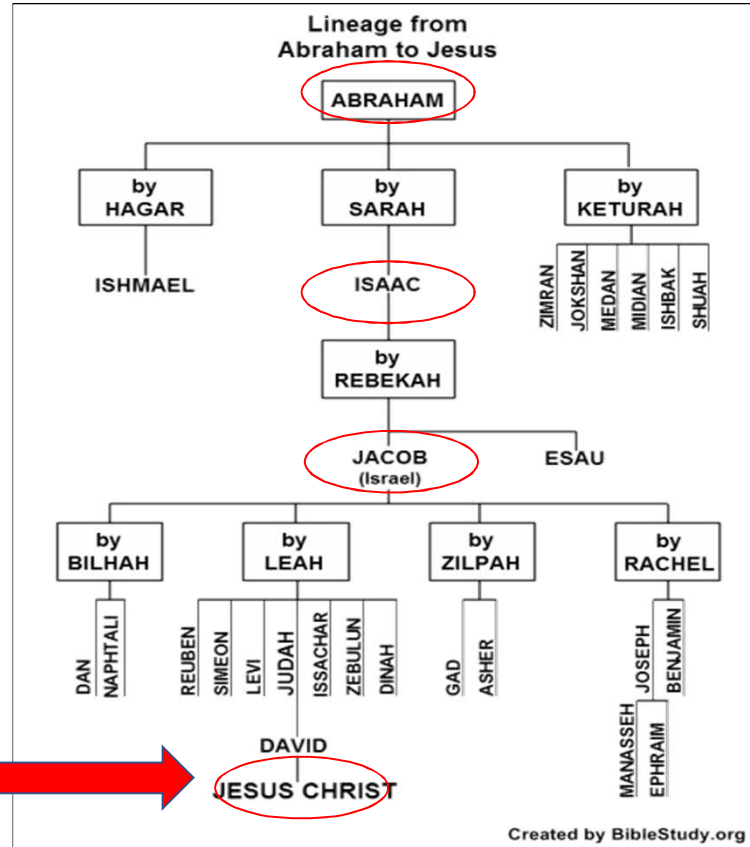
# God is sovereign and God chooses

He chose David his servant  
and took him from the sheepfolds; (Ps 78:70)





# God is sovereign and God chooses



# Jesus first recorded sermons in Luke was about God's Election

<sup>25</sup> But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,<sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. (Luke 4:25-26)

Not to Israel

But to a Gentile

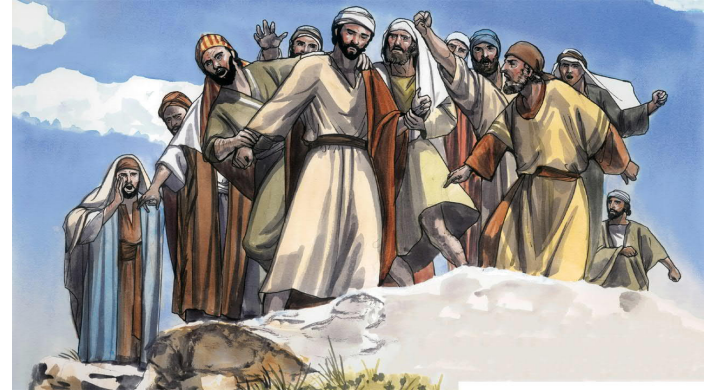




## Guess what was the reaction of the audience?

<sup>28</sup> When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup> And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. (Luke 4:28-29)

The Jews could not accept that God has chosen to save the Gentiles, instead of them



Even today, some people could not accept the doctrine of Unconditional Election; rejecting the truth that God will choose some and not others

All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. (Mat 11:27)

The prerogative to reveal belongs to the Trinity – Father, Son and Spirit

Let our sovereign God be God



You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (John 15:16)

### Evidence of true believer's salvation

- God chose us;
- The chosen will bear fruit;
- The fruit will abide

True disciples



Bear Fruits





Jesus is very specific who are His sheep (Election)

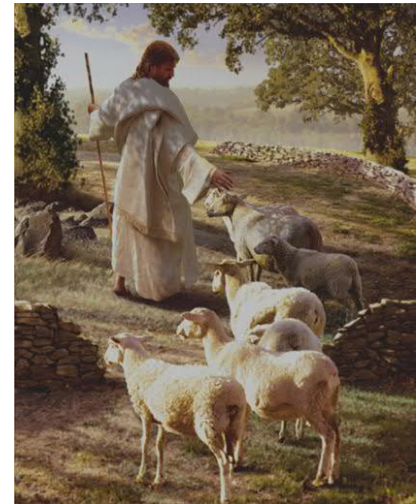
Jesus knows exactly where they are (not unknown)

Irresistible grace

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. (John 10:16)

Jesus will call His sheep (divine work)

Jesus' sheep will listen to Him (human responsibility)



Jesus owned the sheep (Election)

Jesus' sheep will follow Him (human responsibility)

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)

The sheep has a relationship with The Lord  
(Perseverance of the saints)

Jesus calls His sheep (divine work)

Jesus' sheep will hear Him (human responsibility)





The disciples understood about Election

## In the last days

For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect (Mat 24:24)



And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. (Mark 13:27)

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. (Ro 8:33)

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. (2 Tim 2:10)

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, (Titus 1:1)

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,(1 Pet 1:1)

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. (2 Pet 1:10)

The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, (2 John 1:1)

I believe the doctrine of election, because I am quite sure that if God had not chosen me I should never have chosen him; and I am sure he chose me before I was born, or else he never would have chosen me afterwards; and he must have elected me for reasons unknown to me, for I never could find any reason in myself why he should have looked upon me with special love.

Charles Spurgeon



Charles Spurgeon  
'Prince of Preachers'  
1834-1892

## Why choose me?

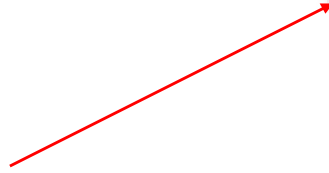
<sup>6</sup> "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has **chosen** you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more in number than any other people that **the LORD set his love** on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is **because the Lord loves you** .....(Deut 7:6-8)

The Lord set his love on you  
and chose you



because The Lord loves you

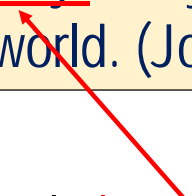
The Father has chosen this bride to give to the Son, to praise Him forever, to love Him forever, to glorify Him forever, to serve Him forever,



We are being chosen and saved, as the expression of love the Father has for the Son.

## The Son's desire

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. (John 17:24)



Jesus wants the elects **to see His glory**, to be in the marriage supper of the Lamb

**The Father** has elected, **Jesus** had died and risen, **The Holy Spirit** will seal the elects for eternal redemption

**None of the elects will be lost**



## God's ultimate desire for the Son

Father is glorified



Son is exalted



Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phi 2:9-11)

Every living being will praise Him, love Him, serve Him and glorify Him forever

Man will find the greatest joy and blessings and satisfaction in Christ for all eternity

The Father

The Son

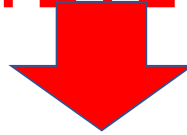


When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that **God may be all in all**. (1 Cor 15: 28)

God desires the praise of His glorious grace

God does so according to His own purpose and will

God loves the Son and desires to choose a gift for Him



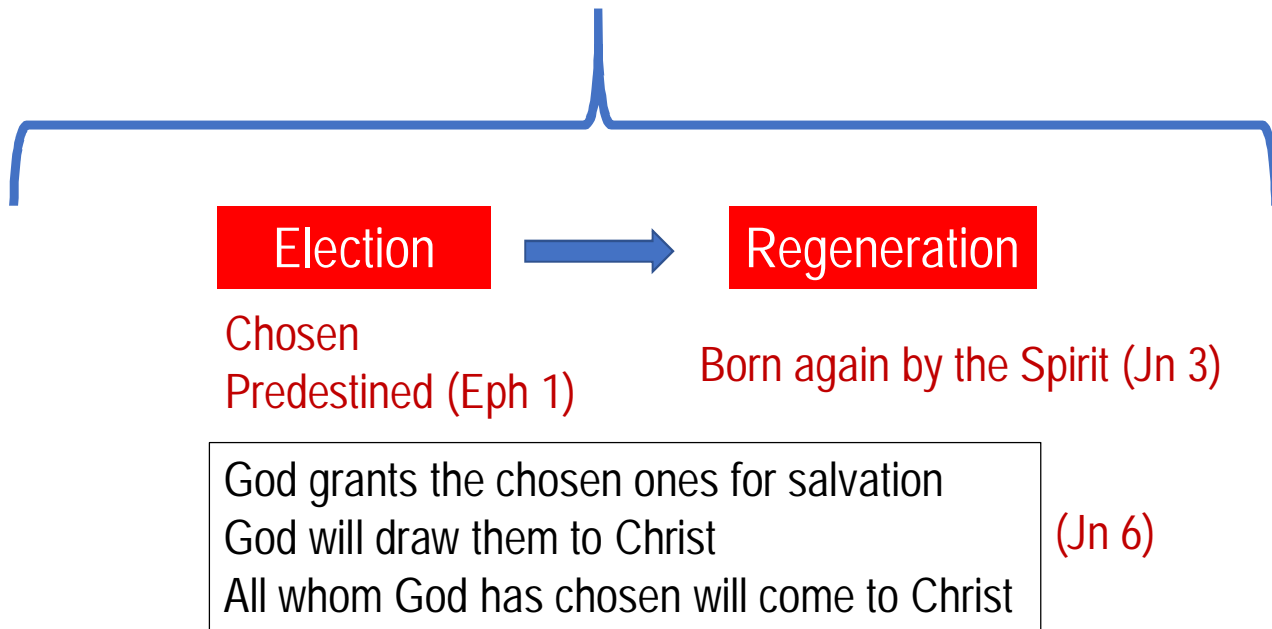
God's chosen gift, will be redeemed by Christ, for Christ

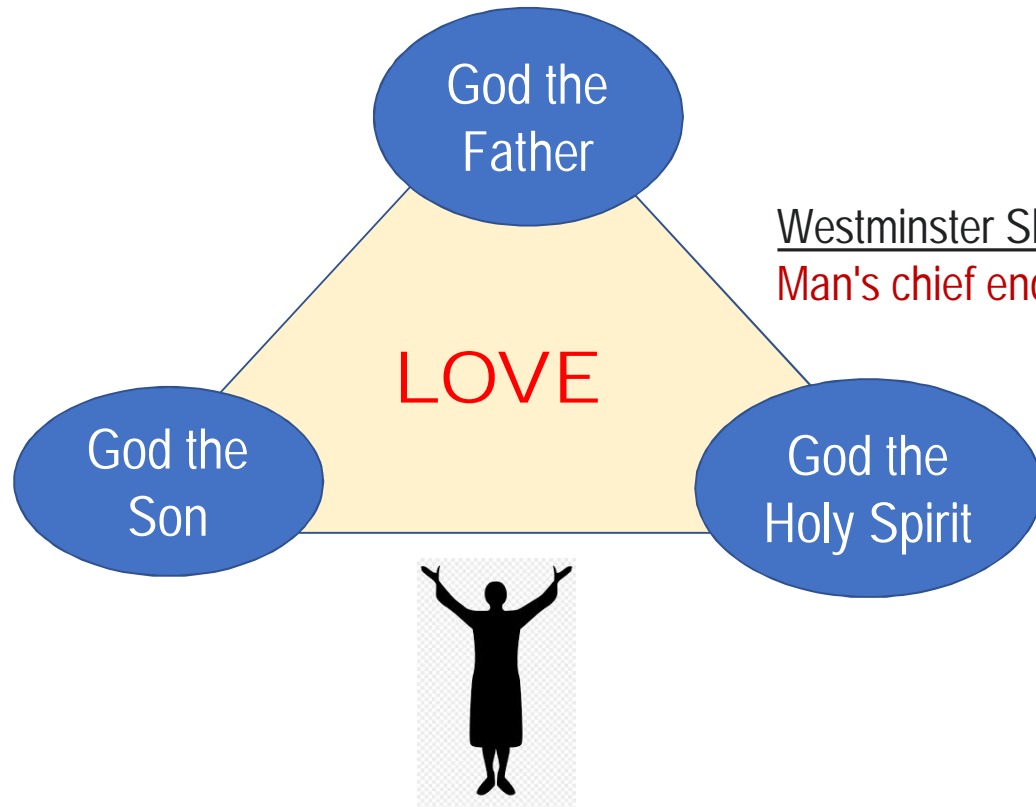
God's chosen gift will be made holy and blameless, in Christ

God's chosen gift will be adopted as sons, through Christ

Bride

# Fully and wholly the work of God alone





Westminster Shorter Catechism

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

.....because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit  
who has been given to us.(Ro 5:5b)

End

John 11:1-44