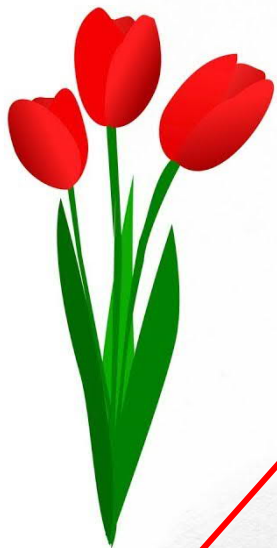


## 5 Points of Calvinism – Lesson 8



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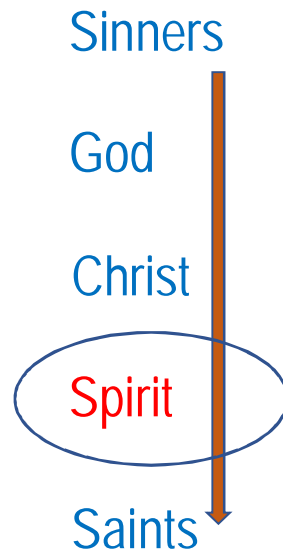
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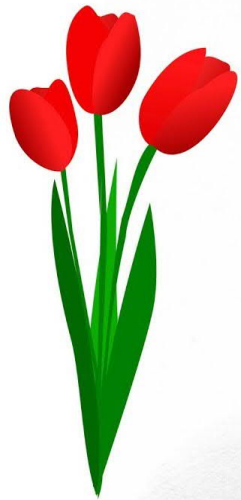
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# 5 Points of Calvinism - TULIP



**T**otal Depravity

God is holy, righteous and loving

**U**nconditional Election

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

**L**imited Atonement

Jesus calls His own sheep by name

**I**rresistible Grace

The Spirit gives life and seals the elects

**P**erseverance of the Saints

## Summary of Limited Atonement Part 2

It means sufficient for all, but efficient only for the elect

Particular or definite atonement



The Trinity are involved in the work of salvation

Not potential

Not omniscient

Man-centered

Not omnipotent

Double punishment

The Father chose

The Son fulfilled

The Spirit applies

## Effectual grace or call

'Kale': summon into one's presence

- a call that comes with divine purpose, for those who are predestined, elected, chosen
- a call that leads through justification to eternal glory
- an effective call, efficacious call, a determinative call, decisive call, conclusive call and an irresistible call



## Irresistible grace – does not mean that

- God is a dictator with power that crushes our freedom
- God drags us or force us into His kingdom
- We are kicking and screaming and protesting entering into heaven

No one has ever been saved against his own will

The person who comes will come willingly



## General Call



## Effectual Call

For many are **called**, but few are chosen."  
(Matt 22:14)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who **called** you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Pet 2:9)

Broad-sweeping gospel call  
Outward, external invitation call

Specific gospel call to the elects  
Internal call, powerful drawing towards

## Effectual Call

Effective and efficacious call

<sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (Romans 8:29-30)

Foreknowledge

Predestined

Called

Justified

Glorified

## Look at the life of Paul when God calls him

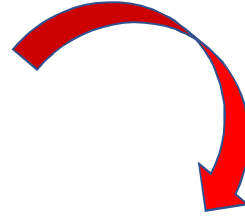
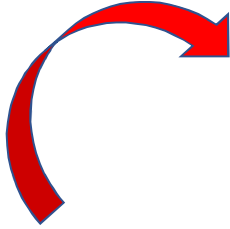
<sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. (Phi 3:5)



<sup>6</sup> "As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. <sup>7</sup> And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, '**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?**' <sup>8</sup> And I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' And he said to me, '**I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.**' <sup>9</sup> Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me. (Acts 22:6-9)

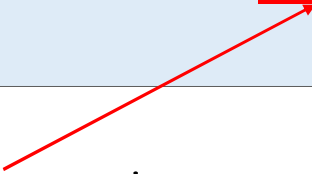


But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, <sup>16</sup> was pleased to reveal his Son to me, (Gal 1:15)



Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, (Ro 1:1)

Sovereign, divine, gracious summon



including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ (Ro 1:6)

Called out for a purpose



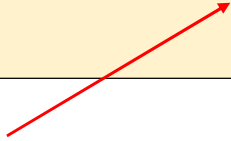
Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, (1 Cor 1:1)

The will of God determines the 'calling'

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints..... (1 Cor 1:2a)

the 'calling' will leads you to be sanctified

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor 1:9)



'called' into fellowship that you will enjoy with Jesus Christ

but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor 1:23-24)

'called' -when Christ is preached, He becomes to you the power and wisdom of God

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; (1 Cor 1:26-27)



The 'calling' is based on the fact that God has chosen

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, (Eph 4:1)

noun

verb

The 'calling' demands that you live your life a certain way, a transforming calling, justifying and sanctifying calling

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. (Col 3:15)

The 'call' to salvation and consequent peace with God.

Believers will have the attitude of rest or security because of this eternal peace.

we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. (1 The 2:12)

The 'calling' that brings you to the final eternal destination with Christ in His kingdom

(God) who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, (2 Tim 1:9)

Saved = salvation = holy calling

God predestines the elects, God calls and God saves

<sup>13</sup> But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. <sup>14</sup> It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 The 2:13-14 NASB)

You were 'called' because you were chosen

Calling was through the gospel

Election > calling > justification, sanctification and final glorification

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Pet 2:9)

God's call:

from dead => life

from darkness => light

from blindness => sight

from deaf => hearing the gospel call



Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, (Heb 3:1a)



Divine calling, from above, not from man, not from the best of preachers

<sup>10</sup> as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;  
<sup>11</sup> no one understands; no one seeks for God.  
<sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;  
no one does good, not even one." (Ro 3:10-12)

No one is able to understand or willing to choose God

The sinner chooses to sin only; most desirable to his heart;

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Cor 2:14)

Man is hopeless; man's heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked



God



And you were dead in the trespasses and sins (Eph 2:1)

Man will not come to seek after God



Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power,..... (Ps 110:3a KJV)

When the power of God comes, the people will be willing.

Before that, man is never 'willing'

Do we still have free will?

Yes, the lost sinners has the free will to choose, sin

Yes, the regenerate believers has the free will to choose, Christ

# Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

## 4 stages of free will of man

Pre-Fall Man	Post-Fall Man	Reborn Man	Glorified Man
able to sin	able to sin	able to sin	No longer sin
able to not sin	unable to not sin	able to not sin	unable to sin



Adam & Eve

Neutral



unbeliever

Enslavement



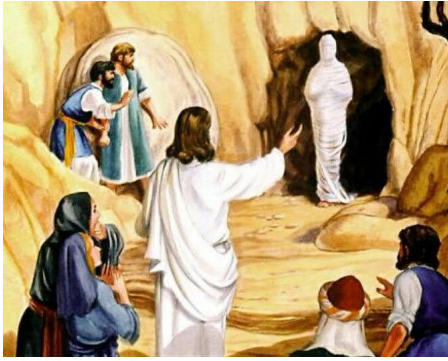
believer

Freedom



glorified saints

Glorification



God's  
election



God's  
regeneration



Repentance  
& Faith



God's  
justification &  
sanctification



"Lazarus, come out"

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

since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; (1 Pet 1:23)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God. (1 John 5:1)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (John 1:1-3)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

## Repentance and Saving Faith are from God

God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup> and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will. (2 Tim 2:25b-26)



For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, (Phi 1:29)

## Jesus appeared to the disciples

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, (Luke 24:45)

## Paul preaching to Lydia

.....The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. (Acts 16:14b)

## Jesus teaching his disciples

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

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.  
(John 14:26)

Gospel alone is what God used to awaken the sinner and make him willing



always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. (2 Tim 3:7)

knowledge



Truth

Before you believe, you are already belonged

Before you believe, you are already belonged



Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God." (John 8:47)

Of God



hear

Before you believe, you are already belonged



<sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:26-27)

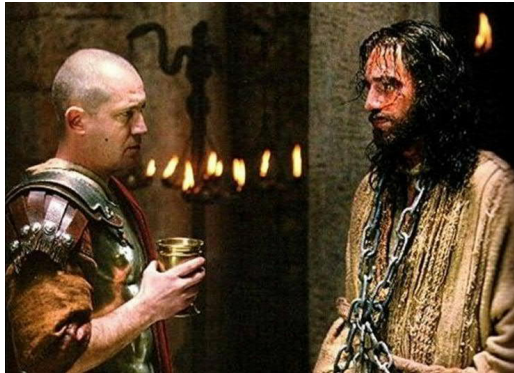
Jesus' sheep



will believe

Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, "**What is truth?**" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. (John 18:37)

Pilate was not interested in the truth



Of the Truth



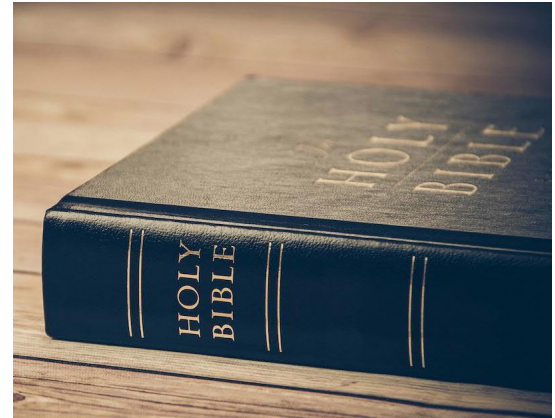
listen

Different degree of punishment on judgment

## Different degree of punishment on judgment

And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town. (Mat 10:14-15)

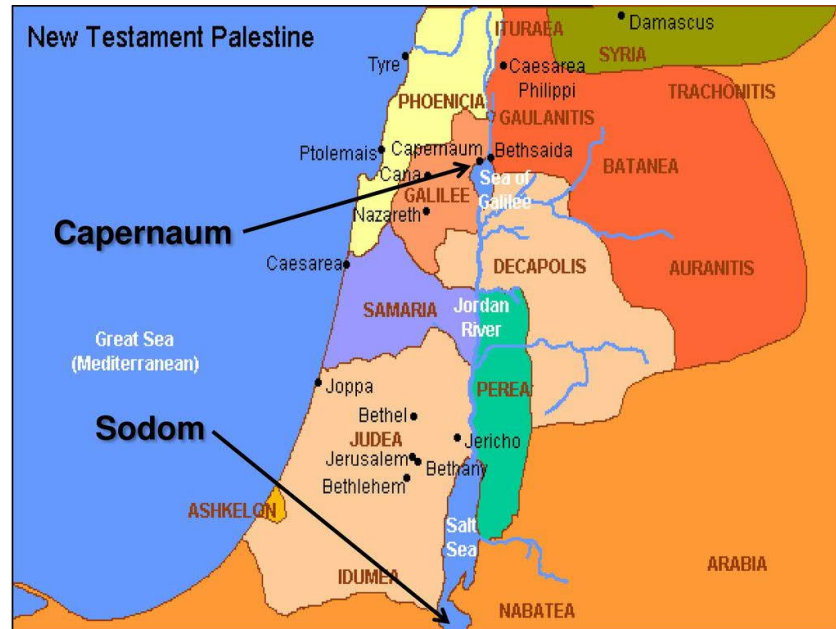
Some will be judged more severely



<sup>20</sup> Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. (Mat 11:20-22)



<sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.”(Mat 11:23-24)

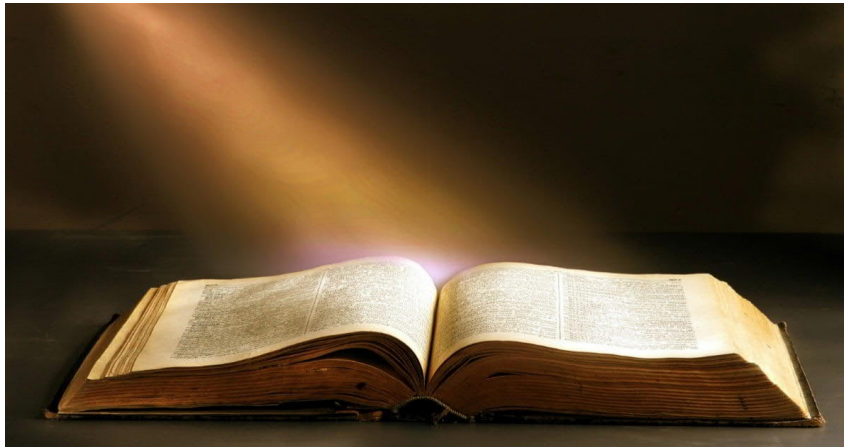


<sup>47</sup> And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. <sup>48</sup> But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more. (Luke 12:47-48)

<sup>45</sup> And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, <sup>46</sup> "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, <sup>47</sup> who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." (Luke 20:45-47)



For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. (2 Pet 2:21)



## Different degree of punishment on judgment

<sup>26</sup> For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup> but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. (Heb 10:26-27)

Some will be judged more severely

<sup>29</sup> How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? (Heb 10:29)

Since God has predestined, why do we need to preach?



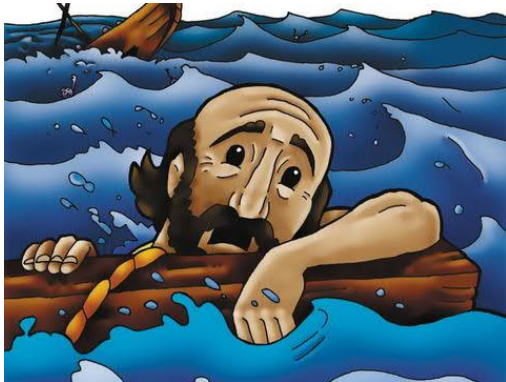
God is not fair

I am wiser

God, you should follow my ways

The cynical and fallen man

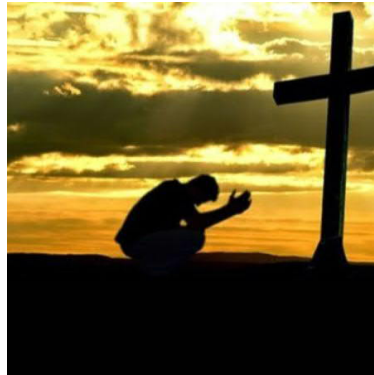
<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:9-11)



<sup>24</sup> Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; <sup>26</sup> on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; <sup>27</sup> in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. <sup>28</sup> And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? (2 Cor 11:24-29)

## 1. Jesus' assurance

Because God has pre-destined, so our preaching will be effective!

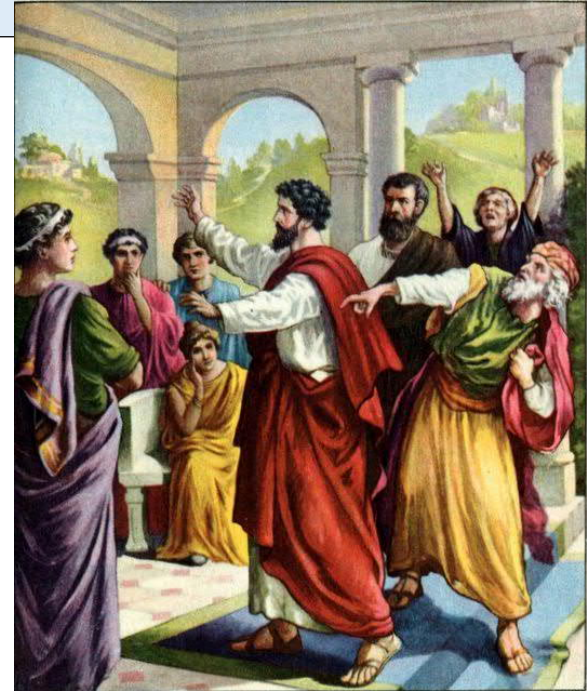


Predestination will make us more proactive; full of assurance; motivation of joy, knowing that the preaching of the gospel will surely reveal the elects of God.

## Paul and Barnabas in Antioch

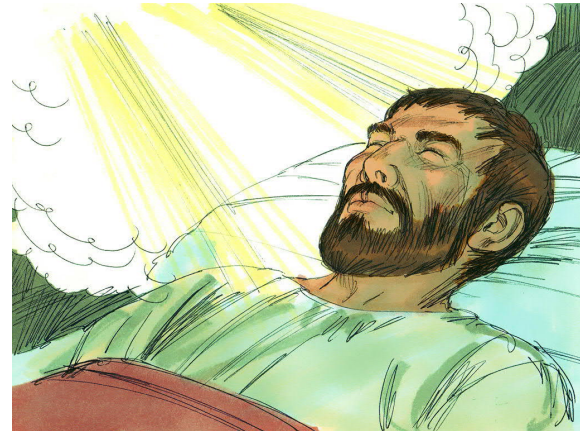
And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. (Acts 13:48)

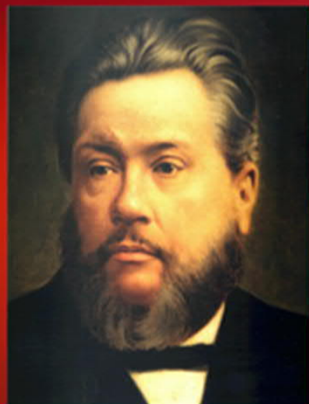
Through preaching, God calls the elects out of their ignorance and darkness, open their eyes to the word, brought them into the truth, into repentance and faith



## Paul preaching in Corinth

And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, <sup>10</sup> for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." ."(Acts 18:9-10)





If God would have  
painted a yellow stripe  
on the backs of the  
elect, I would go  
around lifting shirts.  
But since he didn't, I  
must preach  
"whosoever will"; and  
when "whosoever"  
believes, I know he is  
one of the elect.

C. H. Spurgeon

## 2. Jesus' command

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt 28:19-20)



- Our gospel duty
- Our honour as vessels



How beautiful  
are the feet of  
those who bring  
good news!

Romans 10:15b

<sup>14</sup> If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. (1 Cor 3:14-15)

### 3. Jesus' example

Jesus himself obeyed God and fulfilled His commands

So Jesus said, <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. (John 17:4)

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30)

## Jesus sees

<sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. (John 5:19)

## Jesus hears

<sup>49</sup> For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. (Jn 12:49)

## Jesus does

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. (John 6:38)



God has predestined, yet Jesus Christ did not sit back and relax, instead the Son of God, came to earth, Word became flesh, live on earth for 33 years, walked the journey towards Calvary, died on the cross, suffered the full wrath of God, to redeem the elect, and return them to the Father, for His glory, and so God's predestination, His will, His decree can be fulfilled.

To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (John 10:3)



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



## The dead will hear Jesus' call

<sup>25</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when **the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God**, and those who hear will live. (John 5:25)

<sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs **will hear his voice** <sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. (John 5:28-29)

## Jesus will return with a call

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven **with a cry of command**, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. (1 The 4:16-17)





God is unyielding in exercising His power to make the elect sinner come into His court, and be presented as forgiven, justified, sanctified and on the way to eternal glory, in Christ.

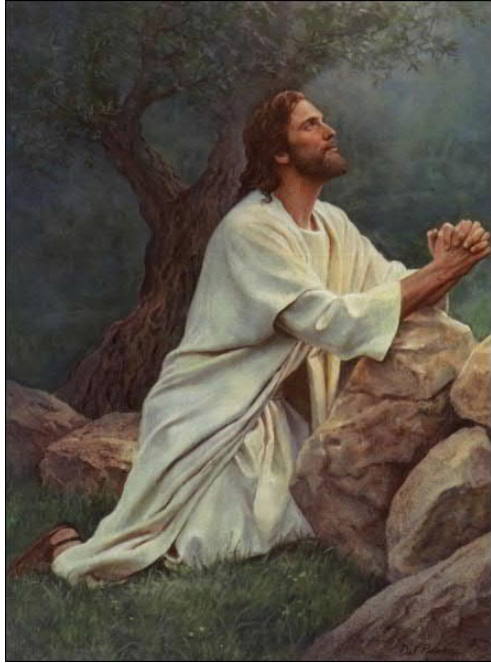
## Irresistible Grace – Effectual Grace

An effectual call:

- that comes to the predestined, chosen, elects
- that has a divine purpose, one that justifies that leads to eternal glorification.
- effective, efficacious, determinative, decisive, conclusive, operative and irresistible call.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (Rev 22:17)

saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."(Luke 22:42)

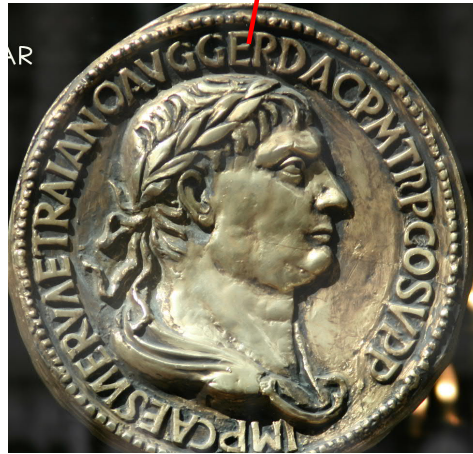


For those who continuously reject Jesus,  
spurn His invitation to receive eternal life,  
God said to him: 'Your will be done'

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <sup>16</sup> And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? (Mat 22:15-18)



<sup>19</sup> Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup> They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (Mat 22:19-21)



The children of God are created in His image and likeness

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,... (Ro 8:29a)

End

1 Pet 1:3-4

1 Cor 1:8-9

Eph 1:13-14