

Sermon Notes

The Doctrines of Grace and their Application to Life

“Efficacious Grace” – Part A

I. Introduction.

A. What we have covered thus far.

1. **Radical Depravity** – Hopeless state of man.
Election – Accomplished by the Father
Particular Redemption – Accomplished by the Son

2. Today’s Topic

Irresistible Grace – Accomplished by the Spirit

B. Brief review.

1. Radical Depravity – Genesis 3; Romans 3:10-18
2. Election – Ephesians 1:3-5
3. Particular Redemption – Matthew 1:21

C. Definition of Effectual Calling or Irresistible Grace.

1. Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 10.

II. Irresistible Grace

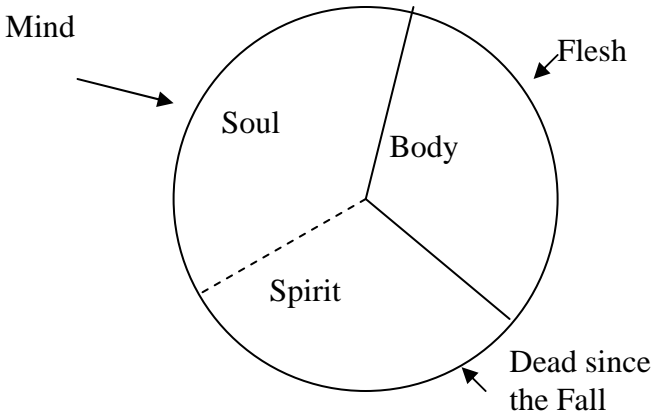
A. Luke 14:15-24

1. Note significance of verbs: bring, vs 21, and compel, vs 23
2. Boice and Ryken

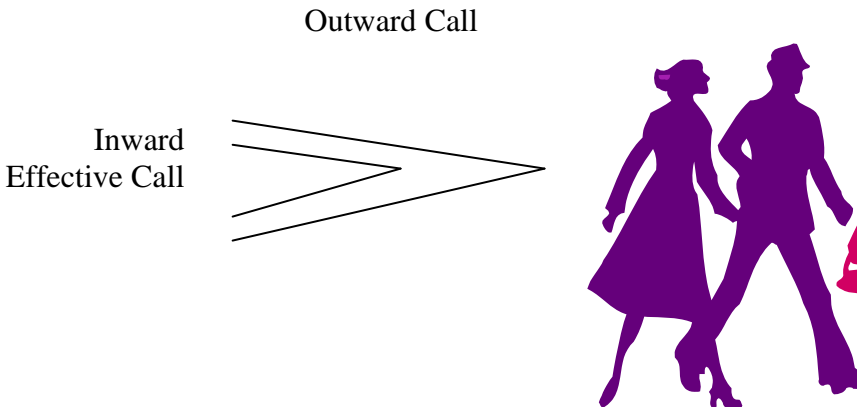
B. Two types of calling.

1. General or external – Matt. 11:28; John 7:37
 - a. Men, left to themselves, are unable to answer this call
2. Specific or Internal Call
 - a. Regeneration (a Biblical term, Titus 3:5).
 - b. Regeneration involves a rebirth of the spiritual dimension of man that has been dead since the fall.

Review illustration of man's deadness.

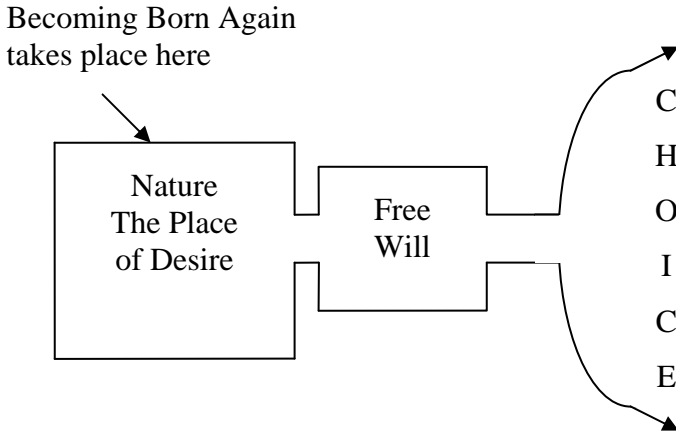


- c. Texts which reveal regeneration (the inward call).
John 1:12-13; 3:3,5; Titus 3:5; I Peter 1:3
- d. Signaled in the Old Testament as necessary for salvation – Deut. 30:6; Eze 36:26-27; II Cor. 5:17-18; I John 5:21; Eph. 2:1,5; Col 2:13
- e. We learn that we did not choose to become Born Again. God caused us to become Born Again, and we chose to follow Christ.
- f. Diagram on inward and outward call.



1. God causes growth – I Cor. 3:4-7

C. Diagram on operation of the will.



1. Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 9 on Freedom of the Will.

D. Only the chosen (elect) come to know the secrets of the kingdom – i.e. salvation in Christ.

1. Matthew 11:25-27; Luke 8:10; I Cor. 2:14

E. “Calling” as a term in the New Testament (John Murray)

1. Romans 1:6-7; Romans 11:25; I Cor. 1:9; Eph. 4:1;
II Tim. 1:8-9; II Peter 1:10

III. A metaphor from Scripture.

A. The prophet Ezekiel

Additional Notes