

John 6:65, "And he said, 'Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.'" **Mark 4:10-12**, "And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. **11** And he said unto them, 'Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: **12** That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.'" **Matt. 11:27**, "All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him." **John 6:38-40**, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. **39** And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. **40** And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."

LIMITED ATONEMENT - **John 10:11**, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." **John 10:26**, "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you." **Matt. 25:32-33**, "And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: **33** And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left."

IRRESISTIBLE GRACE - **Matt. 4:19-20**, "And he saith unto them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' **20** And they straightway left their nets, and followed him." **Matt. 9:9**, "And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, 'Follow me.' And he arose, and followed him." **John 6:37**, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." **John 6:65**, "And he said, 'Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.'"

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Conclusion

Salvation is accomplished by the almighty power of the Triune God. The Father chose a people, the Son dies for them, and the Holy Spirit makes Christ's death effective by bringing the elect to faith and repentance, thereby causing them to willingly obey the gospel. The entire process of election, redemption, and regeneration is the work of God and is by His grace alone. Thus **God**, not man, determines who will be the recipients of the gift of salvation. "But as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." **John 1:12-13** "What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy." **Romans 9:14-16** **John 15:16**; **Ephesians 1:2-14** 1

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Doctrine of Grace TULIP



- T** Total Depravity
- U** Unconditional Election
- L** Limited Atonement
- I** Irresistible Calling
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Total Depravity

Man's depravity, as a result of the Fall, is total. All men are born into this world spiritually dead, blind, and deaf to the things of God; the sinner's heart is desperately corrupt. His will is not free; it is in bondage to his evil nature. Therefore, he has lost his ability to choose good over evil in the spiritual realm. It takes more than the Spirit's assistance to bring the sinner to Christ, it takes regeneration by which the spirit makes the sinner alive and gives him a new nature. Faith is not something man contributes to salvation but is itself a part of God's gift of salvation, it is God's gift to the sinner, not the sinner's gift to God.

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." **Psalm 51:5**
"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags;" **Isaiah 64:6a**
"As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not

one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” Romans 3:10-12
Psalms 58:3; Jeremiah 17:9; John 3:3, 8:44; Ephesians 2:2-3; 1Corinthians 2:14

Unconditional Election

God’s Choice of certain individuals unto salvation before the foundation of the world rested solely in His own sovereign will. His choice of particular sinners was not based on any foreseen response or obedience on their part, such as faith, repentance, etc. On the contrary, God gives faith and repentance to each individual whom He selected. These acts are the result, not the cause, upon any virtuous quality or act foreseen in man. Those whom God Sovereignly elected He brings through the power of the Spirit to a willing acceptance of Christ. Thus, God’s choice of the sinner, not the sinner’s choice of Christ, is the ultimate cause of salvation.

“For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people.” Duet. 7:6-7

“No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.” John 6:44

Isaiah 55:11; John 15:16; Acts 13:48; Romans 8:28; Romans 9:11-13; 2Timothy 1:19

Limited Atonement

Christ’s death was a substitutionary endurance of the penalty of sin in the place of *certain specified sinners*. Christ’s redeeming work was intended to save only the elect (those whom the Father had given him) and actually secured salvation for them.

Christ’s redemption secured everything necessary for the elect’s salvation, including faith which unites them to Him. The elect are the sole object of God’s

saving grace.

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name, JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

“As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.” John 10:15-16

Matthew 20:28; John 17:9; Acts 20:28; Roman 5:8-9; Titus 2:14; Revelation 5:9

Irresistible Grace

In addition to the outward general call to salvation which is made to everyone who hears the gospel, the Holy Spirit extends to the elect a special inward call that inevitably brings them to salvation. The external call (made without distinction) can be and is often rejected; whereas the internal call (made only to the elect) cannot be rejected; it always results in conversion. By means of this special call, the Spirit irresistibly draws sinners to Christ. He is not limited by man’s will or dependent upon man’s co-operation for success. The spirit graciously causes the elect sinners to co-operate, to believe, to repent, and to come freely and willingly to Christ. God’s grace, therefore, is invincible; it never fails to result in the salvation of those to whom it is extended.

“And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh: that they may walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.” Ezekiel 11:19-20

“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”

John 6:37

Romans 8:30; Colossians 2:13; James 1:18; Titus 3:5

Preservation of the Saints

All who were chosen by God, redeemed by Christ, and given faith by the Spirit are eternally saved. They are

kept in faith by the power of Almighty God and, thus, preserved to the end. Therefore, salvation is wholly dependent upon the God who had willed to save those whom He gave to His dear son. Their salvation can never be lost. The elect are kept by God’s power through faith, and nothing can separate them from His love. They have been sealed with the Holy Spirit who has been given as the guarantee of their salvation, and they are thus assured of an eternal inheritance. This doctrine does not maintain that all who profess the Christian faith are certain of heaven. Many who profess belief and then “fall away” do not fall from grace; they were never in grace. True believers fall into various temptations and commit grievous sins, but these sins do not cause them to lose their salvation or separate them from Christ.

“When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee: and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.” Isaiah 43:2

“And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.” Jeremiah 32:40

Romans 8:35-39; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1Thess. 5:23-24; Jude 1:24-25

Jesus Teaches The Doctrine of Grace

TOTAL DEPRAVITY - Mark 7: 20-23 “And he said, **‘That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.’ Matt. 7:17,** “Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit..”

UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION - John 6:44, “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”