

**Discipleship:
An
Introduction to
Systematic Theology and
Apologetics**

Protestant Reformation Doctrines of Salvation

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Sequence of Salvation (Review)

Unconditional Election ← Election

Total Depravity ← The Fall

Irresistible
Grace

Effective Call

Regeneration

Limited
Atonement

Faith

Repentance

Conversion

Preservation
of the
saints

Justification

Adoption

Elapsed
Time is
Zero

Effectual Calling

- The gospel call comes through human speech, is general, external (offered to as many people as possible) and often rejected.
- The effective call is made by God to particular people. It is internal and always brings about a willing response of acceptance.
- However, the gospel call is the means God has appointed for effective calling to occur. Without it no one could respond and be saved.

For "everyone who calls (*epikaleō*) on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call (*epikaleō*) on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? (Romans 10:13 – 14)

Calling: Romans 8 → Ephesians 1; The Golden Chain

including you who are called (*klētos*) to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called (*klētos*) to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:6 – 7)

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called (*klētos*) according to his purpose. 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. And those whom he predestined he also called (*kaleō*), and those whom he called (*kaleō*), he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (Romans 8:28 – 30)

Calling: Romans 8 → Ephesians 1; The Golden Chain

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, **To the saints who are in Ephesus**, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to **you** and peace from God **our** Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 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, even as **he chose us** in him before the foundation of the world, that **we** should be holy and blameless before him. In love he **predestined us** for **adoption** 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. (Ephesians 1:1 – 6)

Calling: Ephesians 1 → Romans 8; The Golden Chain

- Notice that those whom he chose before the foundation of the world were **predestined for adoption** in Ephesians 1.
- Those he foreknew (Romans 8) were **predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son** (Romans 8).
- Therefore, the predestined in Romans 8 are the chosen in Ephesians 1.
- As Wayne Grudem observes *Foreknowledge* “is a personal relational knowledge by which God thought of certain people in a saving relationship to himself before creation. This is to be distinguished from the mere knowledge of facts about a person.” (page 1242)

Calling: Romans 9:10 - 16

And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad--in order that God's purpose of election might continue, **not because of works but because of him who calls, (*kaleō*)** - she was told, "The older will serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.