

**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 (Review)

- 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)

Effectual Calling

- The elect **are not saved** by the power of the call apart from their own willing response. This is why prayer is so important in evangelism, because unless God works to change the elect's hearts to make the proclamation of the gospel effective, conversion will not occur that results in a change from a heart of stone to a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 11:19, 36:26 Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 8:10)

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

Effectual Calling

But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged (*helkō*) them into the marketplace before the rulers. (Acts 16:19)

Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged (*helkō*) him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut. (Acts 21:30)

But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag (*helkō*) you into court? (James 2:6)

Effectual Calling

And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD." (Ezekiel 11:19 – 21)

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. Ezekiel (36:36)

Effectual Calling

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (Jeremiah 31:36)

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (Hebrews 8:10)

Effectual Calling (Acts 13:44 - 48)

- The effective call of God always results through regeneration in the immediate conversion of an unbeliever.

On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. ⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

Effectual Calling (Acts 13:44 - 48)

47 For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a **light** to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.' " *

48 Now **when the Gentiles heard this**, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. **And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.**

*he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a **light for the nations**, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

(Isaiah 49:6)

Effectual Calling (Acts 16:14)

- The effective call of God always results through regeneration in the immediate conversion of an unbeliever.

One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. **The Lord opened her heart** to pay attention to what was said by Paul. (Acts 16:14)

Effectual Calling

- There are many other examples of the effectual call of God resulting through regeneration in the immediate conversion of an unbeliever.
- 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 *(kaleō)* you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)
- God is faithful, by whom you were called *(kaleō)* into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Effectual Calling (1 Corinthians 1:18, 21 - 25)

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called (*kaleō*), both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Effectual Calling (1 Corinthians 1:26 - 31)

For consider your **calling**, (*klēsis*) brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 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; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, **so that no human being might boast** in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Effectual Calling

- we **exhorted** each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who **calls (*kaleō*) you into his own kingdom and glory.** (1 Thessalonians 2:12)
- And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has **called (*kaleō*) you to his eternal glory in Christ,** will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. (1 Peter 5:10)
- His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who **called (*kaleō*) us to his own glory and excellence,** (2 Peter 1:3)

Effectual Calling

- 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)
- To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called (*klētos*) to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: (1 Corinthians 1:2)
- having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called (*klēsis*) you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, (Ephesians 1:18)

Effectual Calling

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this **he called (*kaleō*) you** through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 2:13 – 14)

Effectual Calling

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting **him who called you in the grace of Christ** and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. (Galatians 1:6 – 7)

- Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are **called (*kaleō*)** may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. (Hebrews 9:15)