

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

Protestant Reformation Doctrines of Salvation

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Key Protestant Reformation Doctrines

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1. The Fall - Original Sin
2. The Doctrines of Grace
3. Jesus the God-man
4. The Atonement
5. The Work of the Holy Spirit
6. Prayer
7. Grace
8. **The Fall** (Review)
9. **Election**
10. **Calling**
11. **Regeneration**
12. **Conversion**
13. **Justification**
14. **Adoption**
15. Sanctification
16. Perseverance
17. Baptism In/Filling with the Holy Spirit
18. Death and the Intermediate State
19. Glorification
20. Union with Christ

The Fall – Augustine of Hippo’s Definition of Original (inherited) Sin

	Humanity as created	Fallen Humanity	Modern Definition/ <i>Latin</i> <i>term</i>
Free Agency (<i>Liberty*</i>)	yes	yes	Ability to choose whatever is most pleasing.
Free Will (<i>Moral Liberty*</i>)	yes	no	Ability to choose any available moral option.
Able to sin	yes	yes	<i>Posse peccare</i>
Able to not sin	yes	no	<i>Posse non peccare</i>
Unable to not sin	no	yes	<i>Non posse non peccare</i>

* Augustine’s original words

The Fall: The Loss of Moral Ability

And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:9b)

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "**You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but** of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil **you shall not eat**, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:16 – 17)

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Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. (Genesis 3:1 – 6)

The Fall: The Loss of Moral Ability

- When Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they lost the moral ability to be able to make choices that please God and are "morally good;"
- From that point forward no naturally born human was able to make "morally good" choices **unless** God first regenerated their hearts of stone.

The Fall: Jesus' View of Moral Ability

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.**" (John 3:3)

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

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	Pre-Fall	Post-Fall	Reborn	Glorified
Free Will (<i>Moral Liberty</i> *)	Yes	No	Yes	No
Able to sin	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Able to not sin	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Unable to not sin	No	Yes	No	No
Unable to sin	No	No	No	Yes

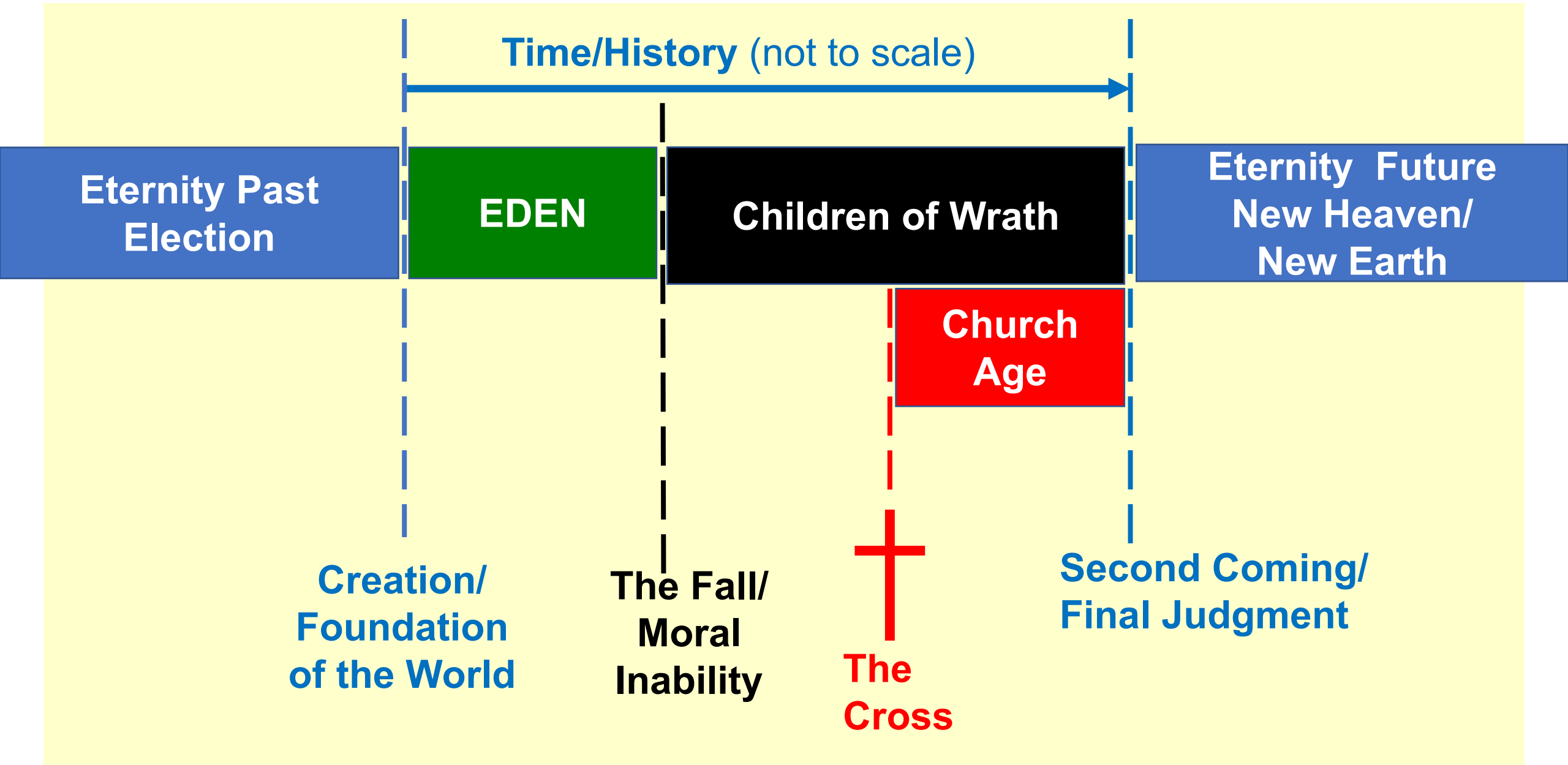
* Augustine’s original words defined as the moral ability to choose either good or evil.

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A Brief History of Time (According to Scripture not Stephen Hawking!)

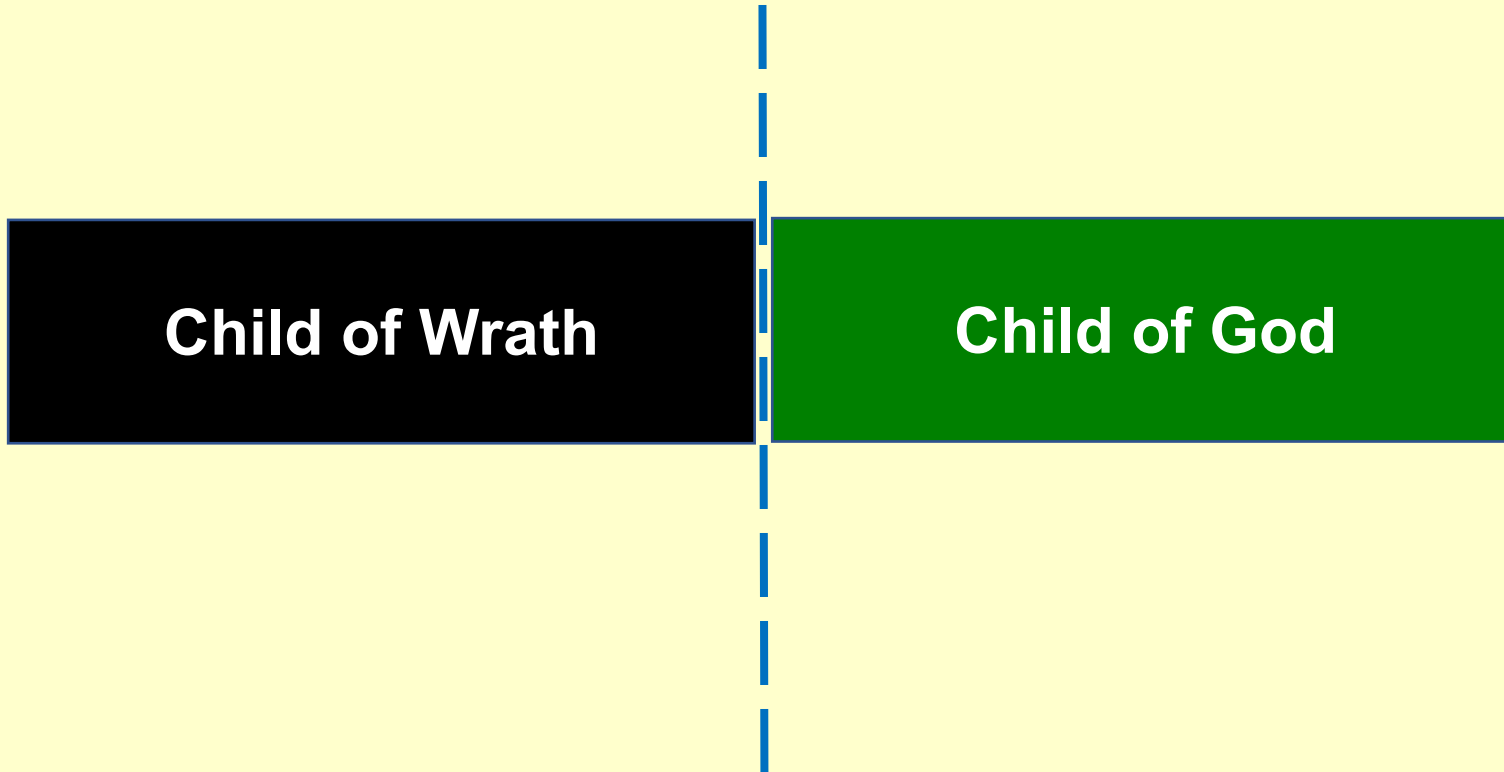


The Sequence of Salvation

Conversion

Child of Wrath

Child of God



Sequence of Salvation

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