

SCRIPTURE PROOFS OF THE DOCTRINES OF GRACE

The following supports the “Doctrines of Grace” article. The texts listed here are organized to demonstrate the Scriptural evidence for the five points of Calvinism.

Note: the text used is the Modern King James Version, Jay P. Greene, ed., (Lafayette, Ind.: Sovereign Grace Publishers, 1993).

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

The doctrines of grace in salvation are only part of the larger purpose of God that is rooted in His sovereignty.

Matthew 20:15: “Is it not lawful for me to do what I want with my own?”

Psalms 115:3: “But our God is in Heaven; He has done whatever He has pleased.”

Isaiah 14:24: “The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, and as I have purposed, it shall stand.”

Isaiah 14:27: “For the Lord of hosts purposed, and who shall reverse it? And this His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?”

Isaiah 55:11: “So shall My word be, which goes out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall certainly do what I sent it to do.”

TOTAL DEPRAVITY

1. The natural state into which all humans were born is spiritual death.

Colossians 2:13: “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.”

Ephesians 2:3: “Among whom we also had our way of life in times past, in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”

Psalms 51:5: “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.”

Psalms 58:3: “The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from the womb, speaking lies.”

2. Spiritual death on the entire race resulted from Adam’s disobedience.

Romans 5:12: “Therefore, even as through one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed on all men inasmuch as all sinned.”

3. Spiritual death leaves humans blind and deaf to spiritual truth. Their hearts are full of corruption and evil.

Genesis 6:5: “And the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Ecclesiastes 9:3: “Yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.”

Jeremiah 17:9: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”

John 3:19: “And this is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil.”

1 Corinthians 2:14: “But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

Titus 1:15: “To the pure all things are pure. But to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure, but even their mind and conscience is defiled.”

John 6:44: “No one can come to Me unless the Father who has sent Me draw him, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

The one purpose of God in redemption involves the Father’s act of electing (choosing) some of Adam’s fallen race to salvation.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14: “But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brothers beloved of the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Titus 1:1: “. . . according to the faith of God’s elect.”

1 Peter 1:1-2: “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect . . . according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, to obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 1:4: “According as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him .”

Acts 13:48: “And hearing, the nations rejoiced and glorified the Word of the Lord. And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.”

1 Thessalonians 1:4: “Knowing, beloved brothers, your election of God.”

LIMITED ATONEMENT

Jesus Christ actually redeemed and saved those whom the Father chose and gave to Him.

Matthew 1:21: “And she shall bear a son, and you shall call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.”

John 17:2: “. . . that He should give eternal life to all You have given Him.”

Matthew 20:28: “Even as the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Mathew 26:28: “For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

John 10:11: “The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”

Acts 20:28: “. . . feed the church of God which He has purchased with His own blood.”

Ephesians 5:25: “. . . even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it.”

Hebrews 2:17: “. . . to make propitiation for the sins of His people.”

Hebrews 9:15: “. . .so that by means of death . . . those who are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.”

Hebrews 9:28: “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.”

Revelation 5:9: “And they sang a new song, saying . . . You were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation.”

IRRESISTIBLE GRACE

Irresistible grace simply means that the Holy Spirit will apply the salvation purchased by Christ to His redeemed. The elect are referred to as “called.”

2 Timothy 1:9: “Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the eternal times.”

Romans 1:6-7: “Among whom you also are the called-out ones of Jesus Christ: to all those who are in Rome, beloved of God, called-out saints.”

Ephesians 4:4: “There is one body and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling.”

The gift of salvation includes regeneration, faith, and repentance.

John 3:27: “And John answered and said, A man can receive nothing unless it is given to him from Heaven.”

John 3:8: “The Spirit breathes where He desires, and you hear His voice, but you do not know from where He comes, and where He goes; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Acts 11:18: “When they heard these things, they were silent and glorified God, saying, Then God has also granted repentance to life to the nations.”

Acts 16:14: “. . . whose heart the Lord opened.”

Ephesians 2:8: “For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.”

Colossians 2:1: “. . . in whom also you were raised through the faith of the working of God.”

PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

Once a person is saved, he is kept by God’s promise and power.

John 17:11: “Keep them in Your name, those whom You have given Me, so that they may be one as We are.”

John 10:27-30: “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give to them eternal life, and they shall never ever perish, and not anyone shall pluck them out of My hand. My Father who gave them to me is greater than all, and no one is able to pluck them out of My Father’s hand. I and the Father are one!”

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