

A close-up photograph of a purple tulip flower, slightly out of focus, set against a vibrant green background. The petals are layered and show some texture. The lighting is soft, highlighting the curves of the flower.

The Doctrines of Grace

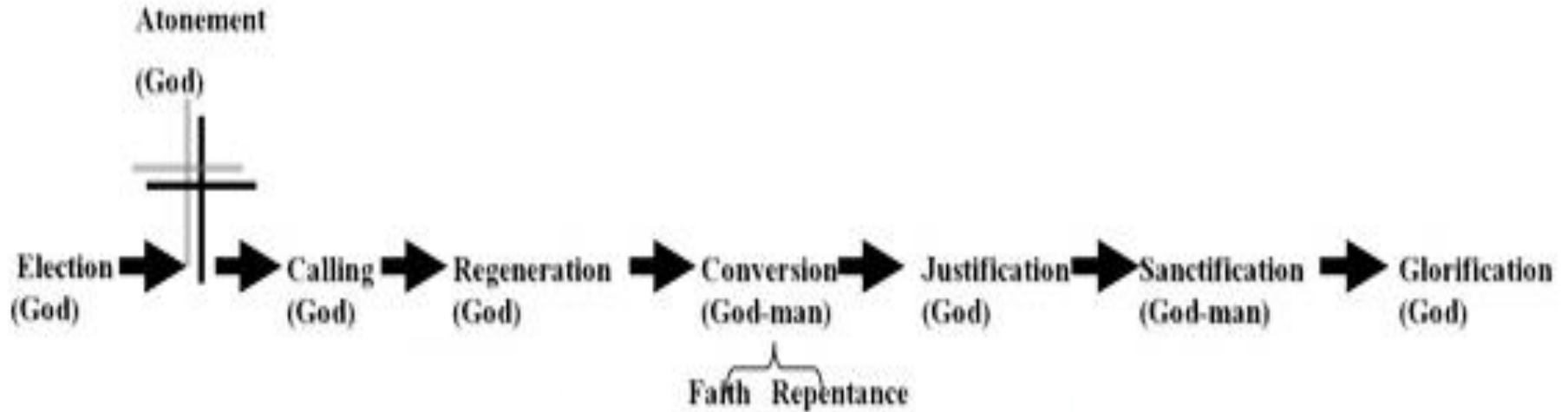
Pursuing the glory of God in salvation

"Whosoever says, that Adam was created mortal, and would, even without sin, have died by natural necessity, let him be anathema."

-The Council of Carthage

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First things first

Rom 8:29-30

“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, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Gal 4:9 “But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God” Does God know about the lost? Does he know who they are?

Amos 3:2 ““You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”

John 10:26-30 “but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

John 17:1-3 “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent

1 Peter 1:19-20 “but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake,”

Matt 11:25-27 “At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

God Chose to Save Us!

Luke 10:21

2 Thess 2:13

Romans 10:20

2 Tim 1:9

Acts 13:48 “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.”

Eph 1:3-7 “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 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.”

1 Cor 1:30 “It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.”

Rom 9:11-13 “for *the children* not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls, it was said to her, “*The older shall serve the younger.* As it is written, “*Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.*”

"Go does not owe this grace to anyone. For what could God owe to one who has nothing to give that can be paid back? Indeed, what could God owe to one who has nothing of his own to give but sin and falsehood?"

-The Canons of Dort,

Third and Fourth Heads of Doctrine,
*The Corruption of Man, His Conversion to God,
and the Manner Therefore, Article XV*

V14 “What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part”?

V15-16 "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 (desire) or exertion (works), but on God, who has mercy.

V17-18 “For the Scripture says to Pharaoh,
“For this very purpose I have raised you up,
that I might show my power in you, and
that my name might be proclaimed in all
the earth.” So then he has mercy on
whomever he wills, and he hardens
whomever he wills.”

V19 "You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?"

“For He says to Moses, ‘I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion” **Rom. 9:15**

Rom 9:21

“Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor”?



Phil 2:13 “for it is God who works in you, both to will (desire) and to work (ability) for his good pleasure.”

1 Cor 2:14 “The natural man does not accept (will) the things that come from the Spirit of God, they are foolishness to him and he cannot (ability) understand them because they are spiritually discerned”.