

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

Jer 32:39-40 “I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts that they may not turn from me.”

Matt 26:28 “for this is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness
of sins.”



John 6:39 “And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day.”



1 John 2:2 “He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

John 3:36 “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him”

Eph 5:5-7 “For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.”

Col 3:5-6 says the same thing.

1 John 4:10-11 “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

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

Heb 7:25 “Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”

We know from John 17 that Jesus does not pray for the world!

Heb 9:24 “For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.”

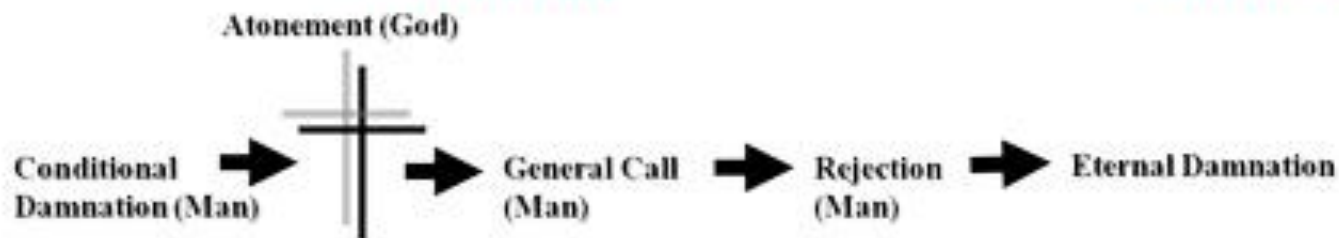
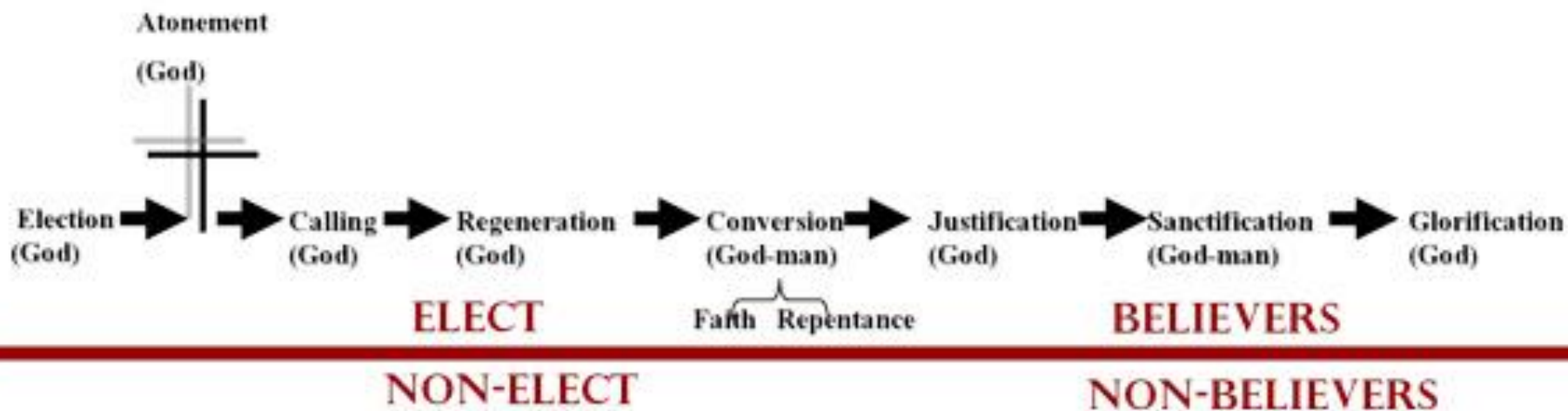


God can:

- save everyone,
- can save no one or
- can save someone.

1 John 5:1 “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God” What came first? “born of God”

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Perseverance of the Saints

All who are in Christ, that is, all the elect, who have truly been regenerated, are secure in their position forever – they will never finally fall away.

John MacArthur

“Faith is God’s gift to us; we don’t generate it on our own (Eph. 2:8-9; Phil. 1:29). Faith is produced by grace, upheld by grace, and energized by grace. Grace reaches into the soul of the believer, generating and maintaining faith. By God’s grace alone we trust Christ, and by grace alone we continue to believe.”

Matt 10:22 “and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

Rom 2:6-7 “He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life”

Heb 3:6 “but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.”

Heb 3:14 “For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”

The assurance of the believer is not that God will save him even if he stops believing, but that God will keep him believing –

1 Peter 1:3-5 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

John 17:11 "And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

John 17:12 "While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled."

If any one saith, that man is truly absolved from his sins and justified... and that, by this faith alone, absolution and justification are effected; let him be anathema.

-Council of Trent

Canons on Justification, Canon 14

2 Cor 7:10 “For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.”

Phil 1:6 “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

Heb 6:9 “Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation.”

Heb 10:39 “But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.”

"For God, who is rich in mercy, according to His unchangeable purpose of election does not take His Holy Spirit from His own completely, even when they fall grievously. Neither does He let them fall down so far that they forfeit the grace of adoption and the state of justification,

or commit the sin which leads to death
(the sin against the Holy Spirit), and
plunge themselves, entirely forsaken by
Him, into eternal ruin."

-The Canons of Dort,

Fifth main point of Doctrine,
The Perseverance of the Saints, Article VI

"May God's Son Jesus Christ, who
sits at the right hand of God and
gives gifts to men, sanctify us in the
truth, lead to the truth those who err,

silence the mouths of those who lay
false accusations against sound teach-
ing, and equip faithful ministers of
His Word with a spirit of wisdom
and discretion,

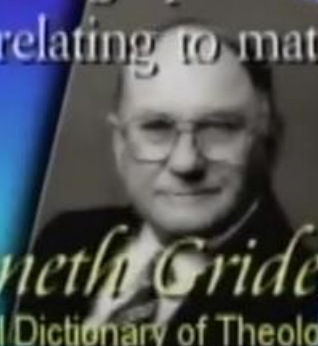
that all they say may be to the glory
of God and the building up of their
hearers. Amen"

-The Canons of Dort

Conclusion, Rejection of False Accusations

2 Peter 1:21 “For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

[Arminians should have] confidence that Scripture is inerrant on matters of faith and practice, while remaining open to the possibility of errors relating to math, history and geography.



-Dr. J. Kenneth Grider

Evangelical Dictionary of Theology

by Walter A. Elwell, p.81

- Age of Enlightenment
- Empiricism
- Reductionism
- Darwinism
- Human State-ism



1 Cor 1:8-9 God “who will sustain you to the end,
guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is
faithful, by whom you were called into the
fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1 Thes 5:23-24 “Now may the God of peace
himself sanctify you completely, and may your
whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who
calls you is faithful; he will surely do it”