

# Doctrines of Grace handout # 1

## Total depravity

Psalm 51:5

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Rom 5:12 Therefore as sin came into the world through one man (Adam) and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned.

Eph 2:1-3 And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. Among these we all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, following the desires of the body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath even as the rest of mankind.

## Unconditional Election

### National Israel & from the world

Deut 10:14-15 Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth and all that is in it; yet the Lord has set His heart in love upon your fathers and chose their descendents after them, you above all peoples, as at this day.

Psa 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage.

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Matt 11:27 "....no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone whom the Son chooses to reveal Him."

Matt 22:14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Rom 8:28-30 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Rom 11:28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers..

1 Pet 1:1-2 To the exiles of the dispersion....chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with His blood.....

1 Pet 2:8-9 .....for they stumble because they disobey the Word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

**God chooses** those whom He wills. He does not choose people by looking through the corridors of time and seeing who will "accept" His Gospel, but chooses people unto Himself without regard to anything they have done or will do.

Eph 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

**God chose** us not because he foresaw any action, whether it was good or bad, in the person He elects. He chose the elect because He chose to do so.

Rom 9:11-13 Though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad, in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of His call, she was told, "The elder will serve the younger." As it is written. "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." (no this is not speaking of nations!)

Rom 9:16 So it depends not upon man's will or exertion, but upon God's mercy.

Rom 10:20 "...I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me."

### **Limited / or definite Atonement**

God chose Israel and not the pagan nations – hence a limited atonement

Deut 7:6-7 "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set His love upon you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all the peoples".

Christ came to save sinners. Sinners cannot save themselves by choosing Christ. A dead man can choose nothing because he is DEAD!

Matt 1:21 "...she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, **for He will save His people from their sins.**"

**Christ reconciles** us to His people; all are not reconciled because all are not His people.

Rom 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

II Cor 5:18-19 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry through reconciliation; that is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Col 1:21-22 And you, who once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before Him.

Phil 1:29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake.

**Rom 9:10-24**  
**God passed over Esau and chose Jacob**

### **Irresistible or saving Grace**

**Through regeneration**, or the new birth, sinners are given spiritual life and made God's children. The Bible describes this process as spiritual resurrection, a creation, a giving of a new heart, etc. God is in no way dependent upon man in any way, shape, or form for this change. Man is spiritually dead and cannot move his will in any manner toward regeneration.

John 1:12-13 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

1 Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Pet 1:23 You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding Word of God.

**Through the Spirit's work** the dead sinner is given a new heart (nature) and made to walk in God's law. In Christ he becomes a new creation.

Deut 30:6 And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, *so that* you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, that you may live.

Gal 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

II Cor 5:17-18 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Eph 2:1,5 And you He made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins...even when we were dead through our trespasses, (God) made us alive together with Christ...

Eph 1:17-18 ...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,....

Rom 8:30 And those WHOM He predestined He also called; and those whom He called He also justified; and those whom He justified He also glorified.

Rom 9:23,24 ...in order to make known the riches of His glory for the vessel of mercy, which He has prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

Gal 1:15-16 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

II Tim 1:9 ...who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of His own purpose and the grace which He gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago.

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

## **Perseverance of the Saints**

**The elect are** not only redeemed by Christ and renewed by the Spirit; they are also kept in faith by the almighty power of God. All of those who are spiritually united to Christ through regeneration are eternally secure in Him. Nothing can separate them from the eternal and unchangeable love of God. They have been predestined unto eternal glory and are therefore assured of heaven.

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Is 43:1-3 But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy one of Israel, your Savior."

Is 54:10 "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you."

Matt 18:12-14 "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life.....

John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

John 6:35-40 Jesus said to them " I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me shall come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me; and this is the will of Him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given me, but raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 10:27-30 " My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall 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 17:11,12,15 "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. **15** I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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 first-born among many brethren. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified; and those whom He justified He also glorified.

Rom 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jude 1 To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ.

Jude 24-25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of His glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.