

CHAPTER 9: Of Free Will

1. God created human beings with the ability to act on choice, without any bent toward good or evil.
2. People had the ability to be purely good, but were unstable, so that they had the ability to fall from this state of goodness.
3. The fall into sin has corrupted free will, so that we no longer have the ability to be purely good.
4. At conversion, a person is put in the state of grace, restoring their free will; giving them the ability to worship God and do good.
5. The will is not restored fully to perfection until glorification.

II. THE MYSTERY OF SALVATION

CHAPTER 10: Effectual Calling

1. Those who God has predestined, He will call. This call makes a person alive; replaces a heart of stone with a heart of flesh, making a person able to see and respond to Jesus Christ.
2. The effectual call is necessary for salvation
3. Elect infants are regenerated and saved by Christ through the Spirit; as are people unable to respond due to physical or mental limitations.
4. Some non-elect people will show signs of the Spirit (common operations), yet will not be called or regenerated unto life.

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1. _____ God hath endued the will of man with that natural liberty and power of acting upon choice, that it is neither forced, nor by any necessity of nature determined to do good or evil.
([Matthew 17:12](#); [James 1:14](#); [Deuteronomy 30:19](#))

2. _____ Man, in his state of innocency, had freedom and power to will and to do that which was good and well-pleasing to God, but yet was unstable, so that he might fall from it.
([Ecclesiastes 7:29](#); [Genesis 3:6](#))

3. _____ Man, by his fall into a state of sin, hath wholly lost all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation; so as a natural man, being altogether averse from that good, and dead in sin, is not able by his own strength to convert himself, or to prepare himself thereunto.
([Romans 5:6](#); [Romans 8:7](#); [Ephesians 2:1, 5](#); [Titus 3:3-5](#); [John 6:44](#))

4. _____ When God converts a sinner, and translates him into the state of grace, he freeth him from his natural bondage under sin, and by his grace alone enables him freely to will and to do that which is spiritually good; yet so as that by reason of his remaining corruptions, he doth not perfectly, nor only will, that which is good, but doth also will that which is evil.
([Colossians 1:13](#); [John 8:36](#); [Philippians 2:13](#); [Romans 7:15, 18, 19, 21, 23](#))

5. _____ This will of man is made perfectly and immutably free to good alone in the state of glory only. ([Ephesians 4:13](#))

Chapter 10: Of Effectual Calling

1._____ Those whom God hath predestinated unto life, he is pleased in his appointed, and accepted time, effectually to call, by his Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ; enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God; taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and by his almighty power determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ; yet so as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.
([Romans 8:30](#); [Romans 11:7](#); [Ephesians 1:10, 11](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:13, 14](#); [Ephesians 2:1-6](#); [Acts 26:18](#); [Ephesians 1:17, 18](#); [Ezekiel 36:26](#); [Deuteronomy 30:6](#); [Ezekiel 36:27](#); [Ephesians 1:19](#); [Psalm 110:3](#); [Song of Solomon 1:4](#))

2._____ This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, nor from any power or agency in the creature, being wholly passive therein, being dead in sins and trespasses, until being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit; he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it, and that by no less power than that which raised up Christ from the dead.
([2 Timothy 1:9](#); [Ephesians 2:8](#); [1 Corinthians 2:14](#); [Ephesians 2:5](#); [John 5:25](#); [Ephesians 1:19, 20](#))

3._____ Elect infants dying in infancy are regenerated and saved by Christ through the Spirit; who worketh when, and where, and how he pleases; so also are all elect persons, who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the Word.
([John 3:3, 5, 6](#); [John 3:8](#))

4._____ Others not elected, although they may be called by the ministry of the Word, and may have some common operations of the Spirit, yet not being effectually drawn by the Father, they neither will nor can truly come to Christ, and therefore cannot be saved: much less can men that receive not the Christian religion be saved; be they never so diligent to frame their lives according to the light of nature and the law of that religion they do profess.
([Matthew 22:14](#); [Matthew 13:20, 21](#); [Hebrews 6:4, 5](#); [John 6:44, 45, 65](#); [1 John 2:24, 25](#); [Acts 4:12](#); [John 4:22](#); [John 17:3](#))

