

SPIRIT AND TRUTH

A NO-NONSENSE, BIBLICAL LOOK AT THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Spirit and Truth Part 8: The Spirit Who Saves (1): Effective Calling
Selected Scriptures

Three aspects of God's call we need to get down if we're going to understand God's work in salvation:

THE _____ FOR GOD'S CALL – THE SIN PROBLEM (Gen 6:5-6, 8:21; 1 Kgs 8:46; Romans 1:29-32, 3:10-12)

A. The _____ Problem

“First, man in his raw, natural state as he comes from the womb is morally and spiritually corrupt in disposition and character. Every part of his being—his mind, his will, his emotions, his affections, his conscience, his body—has been affected by sin (this is what is meant by the doctrine of total depravity). His understanding is darkened, his mind is at enmity with God, his will to act is slave to his darkened understanding and rebellious mind, his heart is corrupt, his emotions are perverted, his affections naturally gravitate to that which is evil and ungodly, his conscience is untrustworthy, and his body is subject to mortality.”

B. The _____ Problem

“Second, because man is totally or pervasively corrupt, he is incapable of changing his character or of acting in a way that is distinct from his corruption. He is unable to discern, to love, or to choose the things that are pleasing to God.”

C. The _____ Problem

“Third, because of man’s corruption and inability to please God, he is deserving of punishment, for his sin is not only real evil, morally wrong, the violation of God’s law, and therefore, undesirable, odious, ugly, disgusting, filthy, and ought not to be; it is also the contradiction of God’s perfection, cannot but meet with his disapproval and wrath, and damnable in the strongest sense of the word because it dishonors God.”

II. GOD’S _____ CALL - _____ (1 Cor 15:1-6; Matt 11:28-30; Acts 2:38, 3:18-22)

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

III. GOD'S _____ CALL - _____ (Jn 5:24-25, 6:44; Rom 8:28-30; 2 Thess 2:13-14; 1 Peter 2:9)

A. _____ on the Effective Call

B. _____ on the Effective Call

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How does a full-orbed understanding of the sin problem help us in our evangelism?

Can evangelism get put by the wayside sometime? How critical is it to proclaim the Gospel in light of how God saves?

The doctrine of God's effective call is a controversial one on some circles. Is there any comfort we can derive from this truth?

Look back at 1 Thess 2:13-14 - how does Paul's thought help you understand your own "salvation testimony"?

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Resources: *This list of resources is designed to address topics raised in the message in more details. The inclusion of the resources here does mean total endorsement of every "jot and tittle" and of course, I encourage you to be a Berean and test all things (Acts 17:11, 1 Thess 5:21) and to pray through the text we've studied, trusting the Lord to grant further understanding.*

*** denotes a "top pick" resource*

Something to Read:

*** Saved by Grace: The Case for Effectual Calling and Regeneration - Matthew Barrett*
Redemption Accomplished and Applied - John Murray
A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith - Robert Reymond
Saved by Grace - Anthony Hoekema

Something to Listen to (unless otherwise noted, all messages are available on YouTube):

Those Who are Called: The Effectual Work of the Holy Spirit - Stephen Nichols
Effectual Calling - Steven J. Lawson
How God Draws People to Himself: Part 2, Effectual Calling - Denny Prutow
The Work Of The Spirit: Effectual Calling and Regeneration - Robb Brunansky