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**Irresistible Grace**

*What Causes Saving Faith?*

Intro

**A. DEFINITION OF IRRESISTIBLE GRACE**

 “It is the work of the Holy Spirit by which He inwardly calls the elect of God and enables them to respond in faith to the gospel of Christ. This special work of the Spirit cannot be resisted and thus cannot fail. It so changes the heart of the sinner that he comes freely and willingly to Christ for salvation.”

**B. THE BIBLICAL SUPPORT FOR IRRESISTIBLE GRACE**

 1) The effectual “drawing” of God. *John 6:44*

 “No one can come to Me” - ­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 “unless the Father who sent Me draws him” - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 “and I will raise him up on the last day”- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *1Th. 1:4-5*

 *John 10:3*

 2) The inward, effectual call of God.

 a) Two calls in Scripture.

 b) *Rom. 8:30 and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

 c) Paul’s testimony – *Gal. 1:13-16.*

 3) The need for a new heart. *Ezek. 36:26-27; Deut. 30:6; Jer. 24:7*; *Acts 16:14*

 4) The need for a new birth. *Jn. 1:12-13; 5:24*

 5) The need for a new life. *Jn. 11; Ezek. 37*

Conclusion

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