Salvation

God's Choice of Man
OR
Man's Choice of God

Session 1
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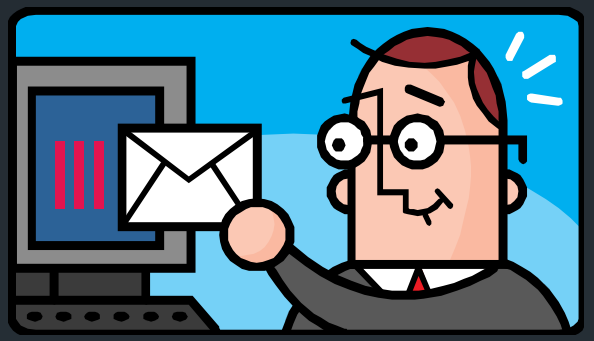

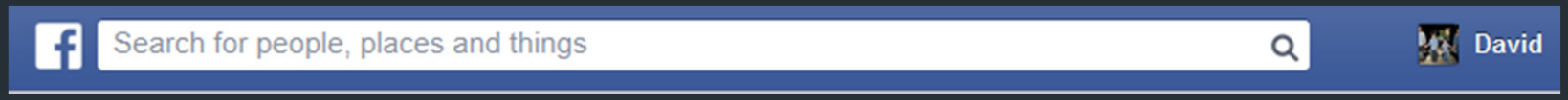
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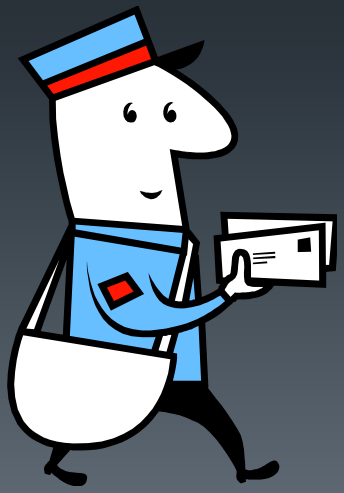
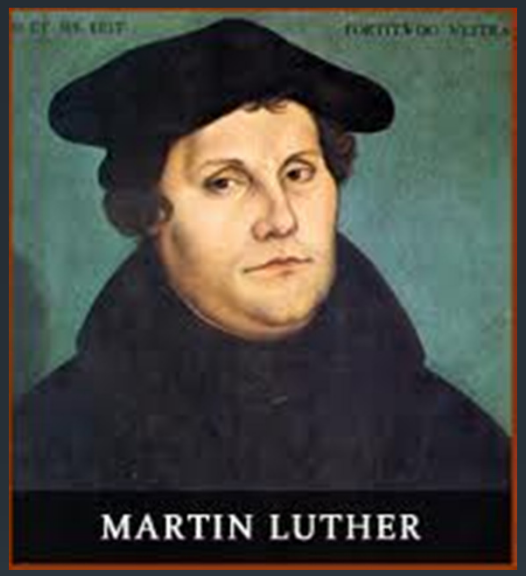


Why study this Topic?

- *Communicate* the Elders' stand
- *General awareness*; Berean approach to studying God's word
- *Resurgence of Calvinism*; important to understand the truth

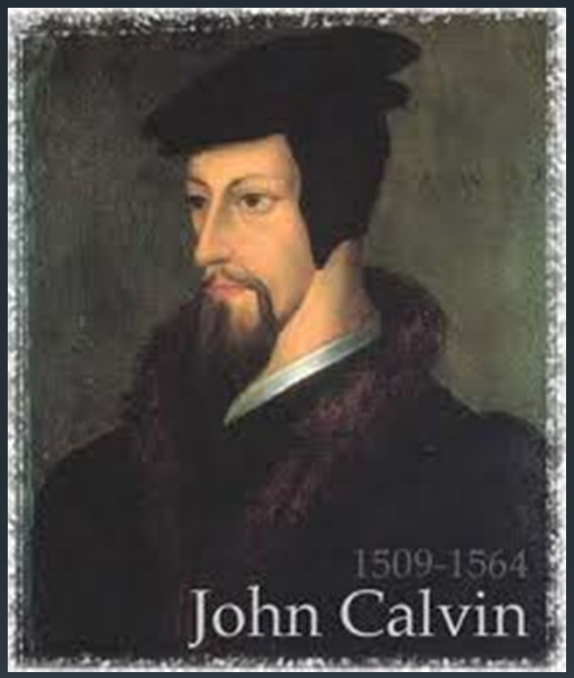
Reformation background…

- ✓ Sola Scriptura
- ✓ Sola Fide
- ✓ Sola Gratia
- ✓ Solo Christo
- ✓ Solo Deo Gloria



Emphasis: Justification by grace

Reformation background…





Emphasis: Election by grace

TULIP of Calvinism

- **T**otal Depravity
- **U**nconditional Election
- **L**imited Atonement
- **I**rresistible Grace
- **P**erseverance of saints



Total Depravity

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"Because of Adam's sin, man is desperately corrupt and in bondage to an evil nature. He is unable to do good or to save himself. Dead to the things of God, he is incapable of responding to the gospel of salvation, unless God first makes him alive."

Total Depravity

- Ephesians 2:1 *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, [2] in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.*

- Jeremiah 17:9 *"The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?"*

- Colossians 2:13 *When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,*



Total Depravity

- According to Calvinism…

Total Depravity = Total Inability

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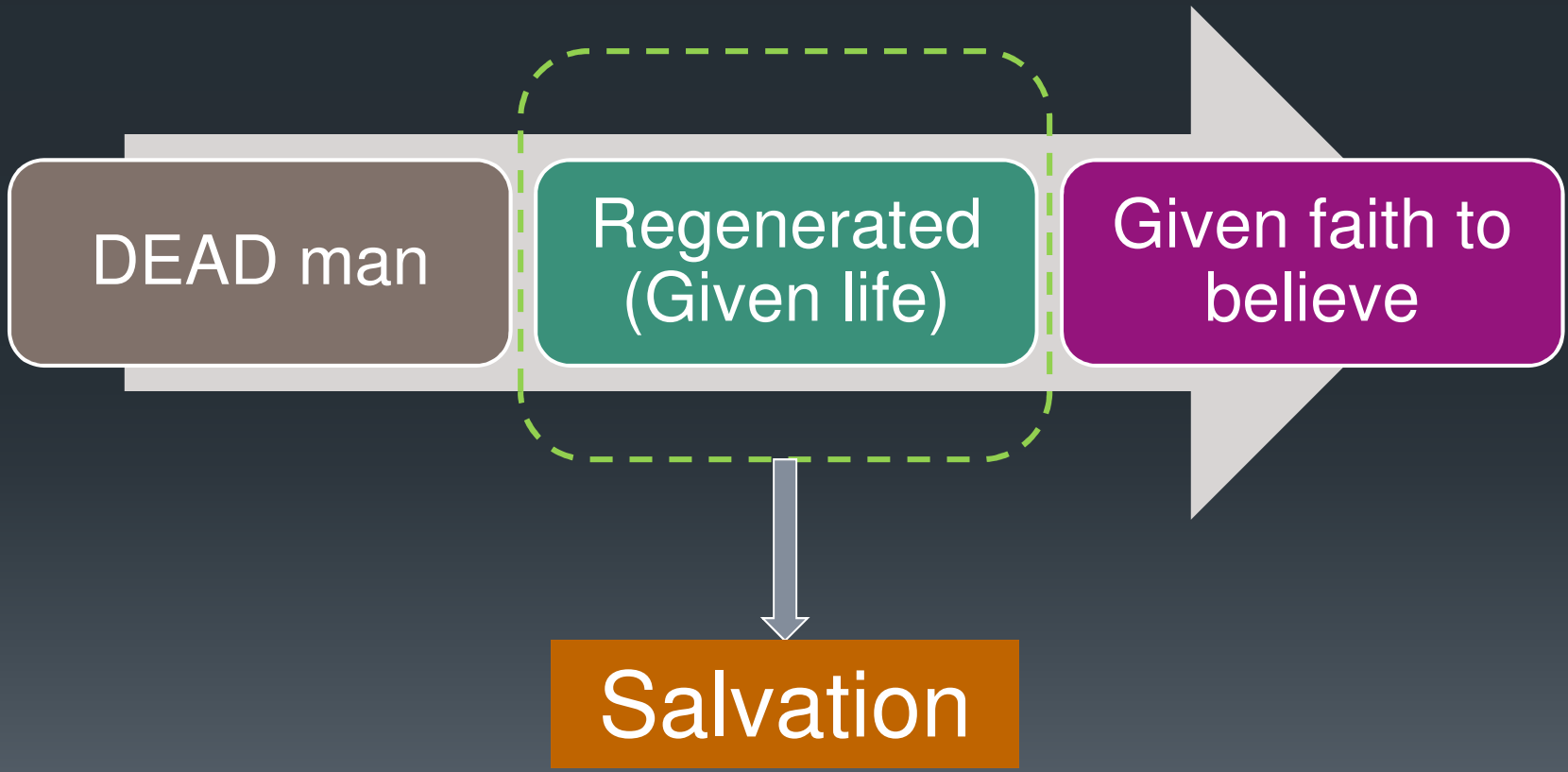

Total Depravity

- Believe and you shall be saved…
  - Acts 16:31 *They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.“*
  - Romans 10:9 “*that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;”*
  - 1 Corinthians 1:21 “…*God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.”*

Total Depravity

2 Thessalonians 1:8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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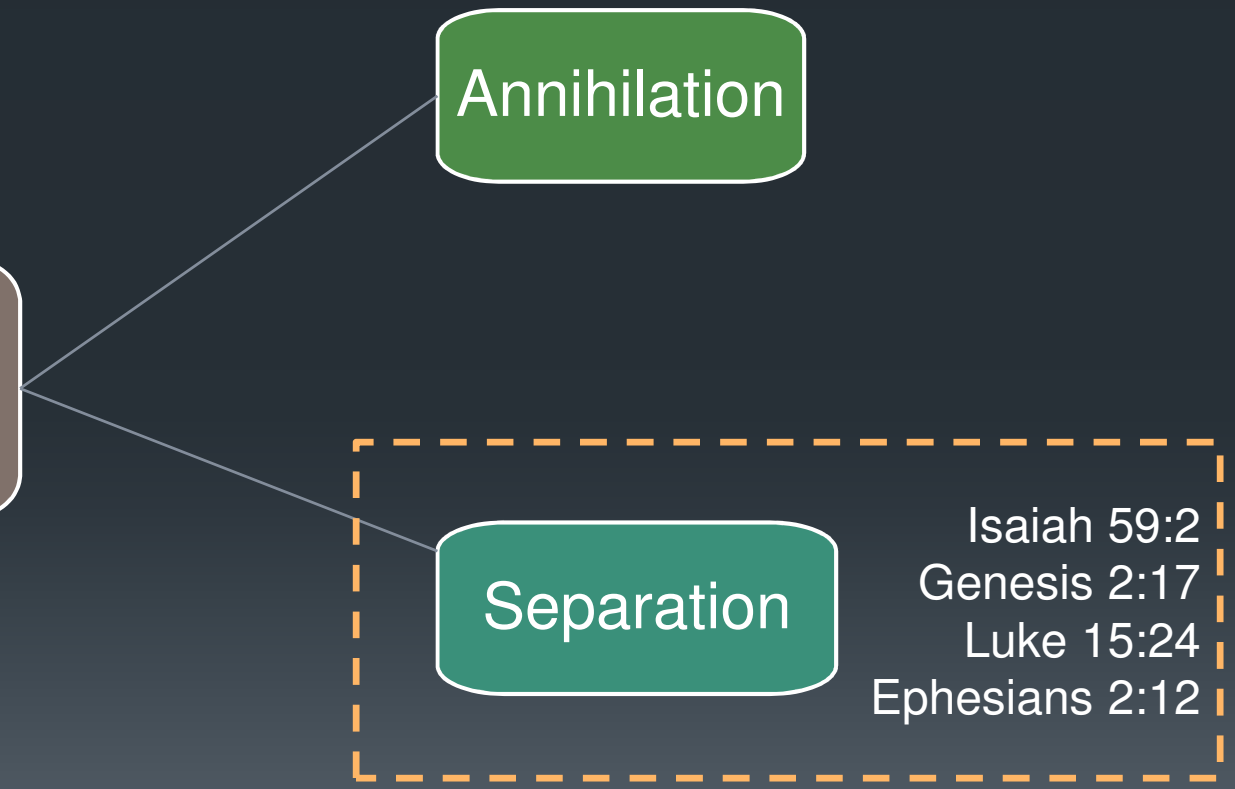

Ephesians 2:8 *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;*

FAITH?



SALVATION?

Romans 10:17 *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*



Unconditional Election

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"Before God created the universe, He chose certain individuals for salvation. He did this solely by His own sovereign will, and not because of any condition, virtue, or response associated with the elect."



Unconditional Election

- Calvinism's References

2 Thessalonians 2:13 *But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.*

1 Peter 1:1-2 *"….Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood:…"*

John 15:16 "*You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."*



Unconditional Election

- Election

Elect → ‘eklekto’ meaning ‘picked’, ‘chosen’, ‘selected’

Concerning…	References
Christ	• **Luke 9:35** And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!“ • **1 Peter 2:4** And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men, but choice and precious in the sight of God,
Angels	• **1 Timothy 5:21** I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.
Israel	• **Isaiah 44:1** "But now listen, O Jacob, My servant; And Israel, whom I have chosen: • **Isaiah 45:4** For Jacob My servant's sake, And Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.
Disciples	• **John 15:16** "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit… • **John 6:70** Jesus answered them, "Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?"

Unconditional Election

- Predestination

  Predestinate → 'Proorizo'
  - *Pro – 'before'*
  - *Orizo – 'to mark off ', 'to determine'*

References
Ephesians 1:5 *He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,*
Ephesians 1:11 *also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,*
1 Corinthians 2:7 *but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory;*
Romans 8:29-30 *For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and*

Unconditional Election

- ‘Golden Chain’ of Rom 8:29

Foreknew — Predestined — Called

Justified — Glorified

Foreknew → ‘proginosko’

- *To know before hand*

Foreknowledge is not Foreordaining

Unconditional Election





Unconditional Election

	Purpose	References
Election & Predestination	Holy and Blameless	Eph 1:4
	Sons through adoption	Eph 1:6
	Heirs of creation Joint heirs	Rom 8:17
	Conformance into the image of His Son	Rom 8:29
	Inheritance	Eph 1:11

Unconditional Election

Ephesians 1:1-13

“in HIM”



Unconditional Election

