

LESSON 6

CHAPTER 10. “Of Effectual Calling”

I. Paragraph 1: Effectual calling by the Spirit (Conversion)

- A. The Word and the Holy Spirit work savingly in the elect only.
- B. Regeneration (being born again) changes the nature of the person.
- C. Regeneration brings understanding of the gospel and a desire for Jesus Christ.
- D. God having renewed their ability, regenerate people freely and willingly believe.

II. Paragraph 2: Efficacious grace (Doctrines of Grace, point 4)

- A. God’s effectual call is not based on our works or dependent upon our cooperation.
- B. God’s effectual call is a sovereign act.

III. Paragraph 3: Special cases

- A. Elect infants
- B. Mentally incapacitated

IV. Paragraph 4: The general call

- A. The reprobate will reject the general call of the gospel, remaining spiritually deaf, blind, and dead.
- B. Common operations of the Spirit, such as restraint of sin, civil good, and intellectual/rational understanding of the gospel, are not unto salvation.
- C. Religious works, no matter how diligent, are for naught unless the person is regenerate.
 - 1. “Carnal” Christian

Discussion Questions:

Which comes first, faith or regeneration?

Does God answer the prayers of the unregenerate?

If God has determined who will believe, is his general call sincere?

Will anyone be able to (or want to) resist God’s effectual call?

Book suggestion:

Robert Webb, *The Doctrine of Infant Salvation*