

Effectual Calling
“Irresistible Grace”

Definition:

The Holy Spirit is able, when he so chooses, to overcome all human resistance and so cause his gracious work to be utterly effective and ultimately irresistible. In soteriology, the doctrine of irresistible grace refers to the Spirit’s work to overcome all sin-induced resistance and rebellion, opening blind eyes and enlivening hardened hearts so that sinners understand and embrace the gospel of salvation through faith in Christ” - Bruce Ware

The Gospel Call (External Call);

- Rom. 1:19-21; 2:14-15

- Matthew 28:19–20 Go therefore and make disciples of **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV)

- Rom. 10:8-15

This gospel call can be _____ . - Acts 7:51

“The history of the human race is one of resistance to the grace of God” – Sproul

The Effectual Call (Internal Call);

- Romans 8:28–30 And we know that for **those who love God** all things work together for good, for **those who are called** according to his purpose. [29] For those whom he **foreknew** he also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. [30] And those whom he **predestined** he also **called**, and those whom he **called** he also **justified**, and those whom he **justified** he also **glorified**. (ESV)

- 1 Corinthians 1:22–24 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, [23] but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, [24] but **to those who are called**, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (ESV)

Book Recommendations:

John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*
Matthew Barrett, *Salvation By Grace*