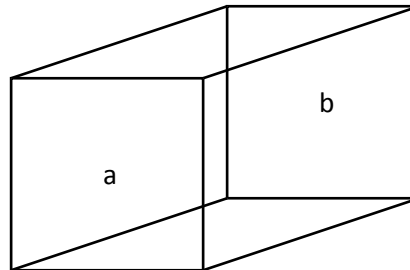


Second London Confession Chapter 10: Effectual Calling

I. General Overview of Effectual Calling (Par. 1)

- Recipients: *“those He has predestined to life”* (Rom. 8:29, 30)
- Author: *“He is pleased to call effectually”* (Rom. 8:29, 30; 1 Cor. 1:9)
- Occasion: *“in God’s appointed and acceptable time”* (John 3:8; Rom. 9:16)
- Efficacy: *“He is pleased to call effectually”* (Rom. 8:29, 30; 1 Thess. 1:5)
- Means: *“by His Word and Spirit”* (Word: 2 Thess. 2:14; James 1:18; Holy Spirit: John 3:3, 6)
- Transition: *“He calls them out of their natural state of sin and death to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ.”* (Eph. 2:1, 4, 5)
- Operation: *“He enlightens their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God (Eph. 1:18). He takes away their heart of stone and gives them a heart of flesh (Ezek. 36:26). He renews their wills (Phil. 2:13) and by His almighty power turns them to good and effectually draws them to Jesus Christ. Yet He does all this in such a way that they come completely freely, since they are made willing by His grace (Ps. 110:3).”*
- Observation: God’s effectual call and regeneration (as well as new creation, spiritual emancipation, spiritual circumcision, and spiritual resurrection) are all referring to the same thing. They all occur simultaneously.

Which blockface is nearer? a or b?
Neither. It all depends on how you look at it.



II. Nature of Effectual Calling (Pars. 2-4)

- It is monergistic (working one way) (Par. 2). 2 Tim. 1:9; 1:26-30; Titus 3:5
- It is inscrutable (Par. 3). John 3:3, 5, 6, 8
- It is indispensable (Par. 4). Matt. 22:14; John 3:3; 14:6; 1 Thess. 1:5

Practical Lessons

- 1) The biblical truth of effectual calling confronts us, in a pointed way, with the absolute sovereignty of God in salvation.
- 2) Marvel at the amazing mercy and goodness to you in His calling and choosing someone like you.