

Intro:

Effectual calling: first step in partaking of redemption purchased for you by Christ. Everything flows from effectual calling in the order of salvation: Romans 8:30.

READ WLC Q&A 67

EP (Main Point of text): So that they may live, God gives His chosen people new spiritual hearts that truly love Him.

HP (Main application of text): *God gave you a spiritual heart transplant.*

Move 1: God has the power to rip your heart out and the grace to do it.

LC: “Effectual calling is the work of God’s almighty power and grace”:

- *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. (Joh 5:25)*
- Read Ephesians 1:18-20
- Read 2 Timothy 1:8-9

Move 2: God gave you a new heart because He has always had a heart for you.

LC: “whereby (out of his free and special love to his elect, and from nothing in them moving him thereunto”: Didn’t look ahead/react to what you will do. Makes you react to His love.

- Based on predestination/Eternal covenant of grace. Titus 3:4-5. Memory verse.
- Free, unmerited grace. READ Ephesians 2:4-5, 7-9
- *(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) (Rom 9:11)*
- “U” and “T” in TULIP. Thus it would happen, and you could not stop it.

Move 3: The Holy Spirit irresistibly brought you to Himself in His perfect timing.

LC: “he doth, in his accepted time, invite and draw them to Jesus Christ, by his word and Spirit”:

Common call/special call. “Whosoever” outwardly/VC.

- *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God. (2Co 5:20)*
- *We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) (2Co 6:1-2)*
- *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. (Joh 6:44)*

- 2 Thes. 2:13-14. Memory verse
- “I” in TULIP. Can’t help but love Him. But you do want to.

Move 4: *The Holy Spirit changed what you think and what you want.*

LC: It is appropriately called an awakening.

- “Savingly enlightening minds”: You came to believe the Gospel you otherwise rejected.
 - *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.* (Act 26:18)
 - READ 1 Cor. 2:10-12
- “Renewing and powerfully determining their wills”: You came to want what repelled you.
 - *And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh.* (Eze 11:19)
 - *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.* (Eze 36:26-27)
 - *It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.* (Joh 6:45)

Move 5: *Thus you actually partake of the redemption purchased by Christ.*

LC: “so as they (although in themselves dead in sin) are hereby made willing and able freely to answer his call, and to accept and embrace the grace offered and conveyed therein”:

- Reverse of Total Depravity. Freely chose sin based on inability. Now freely choose life by ability.
- *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)* (Eph 2:5). You were spiritually. Thus, you had to be born of the Spirit: born again.
- *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.* (Phi 2:13)

Deuteronomy 30:6:

- Context: vs. 1-4, warning of blessing or curse
- Circumcise: “cut off”. For your heart, cut out. Re: Gen. 17, sign of covenant: fallen man in covenant with God and posterity must be made pure from within.
- To live here in blessing, and live forever in heaven, God must give you a spiritual heart transplant. Not reviving with spiritual defibrillator, but resurrection through spiritual surgery.

Conclusion:

HP: *God gave you a spiritual heart transplant.*