

15. IRRESISTIBLE GRACE

- INTRO
 - core values

- core issue

- “irresistible” grace

Jn. 6:44 (Acts 16:19)
 Acts 16:14; 13:48

Synod of Dort: “...just as the fall ‘did not abolish the nature of the human race’ but ‘distorted’ it and led to spiritual death, ‘so also this divine grace of regeneration does not act in people as if they were blocks and stones; nor does it abolish the will and its properties or coerce a reluctant will by force, but spiritually revives, heals, reforms, and—in a manner at once pleasing and powerful—bends it back.’ The will is liberated, not violated.”¹

- clarified: the work of the Holy Spirit
 - *T* (total depravity/moral inability = the nature of man);
 - *U* (unconditional election/sovereign election = the work of the Father);
 - *L* (limited atonement/particular redemption = the work of the Son);
 - *I* (irresistible grace/effectual grace = the work of the Spirit)

Ezk. 36:26-27; Jn. 6:37-40

Rom. 8:28-30

- God’s external and internal “call”

	I am passive	I am active
<i>Arminianism</i>		
<i>Hyper-Calvinism</i>		
<i>Calvinism</i>		

¹ Michael Horton, *For Calvinism* (Zondervan, 2011), p. 107.