

Westminster Confession of Faith: Session Eleven
WCF 10 – Of Effectual Calling

“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. [...] No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.” (John 6:37, 44 NKJV).

I. Introduction

a. *The Ordo Salutis*

b. *Two Callings*

External: “The presentation and offering of salvation to sinners, together with an earnest exhortation to accept Christ by faith in order to obtain the forgiveness of sins and life eternal” (Morton Smith, *Systematic Theology*, 2:431).

Internal: The “calling by the Word savingly applied by the Holy Spirit...which is effectual unto salvation” (Smith, 2:433).

c. *The Relation of Effectual Calling to Regeneration*

d. *The Necessity for Effectual Calling*

Man Does Not and Cannot Come to God: Romans 3:10-18

Man Does Not and Cannot Please God: Romans 8:5-8

II. WCF Chapter X

a. *Paragraph 1: The Definition of Effectual Calling*
Monergistic Work of the Spirit by the Word

Constituent Parts of the Effectual Call
Enlightening the Mind

Giving a Heart of Flesh

Renewing the Will

- b. *Paragraph 2: The Basis of Effectual Calling*
Hope in Evangelism

Hope for Our Own Salvation

- c. *Paragraph 3: The Question of Infants*
Elect Infants?

“Incapable” of Being Called?

- d. *Paragraph 4: Those Not Effectually Called*
Once-Saved-Always-Saved Rejected

Universalism Rejected

- III. Conclusion
John 6:35-51

Helpful Resources

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