

# The Westminster Confession of Faith

## Chapter 10

### *Of Effectual Calling*

1. All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, He is pleased, in His appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by His Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation, by Jesus Christ; enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them an heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and, by His almighty power, determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.

2. This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, who is altogether passive therein, until, being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it.

3. Elect infants, dying in infancy, are regenerated, and saved by Christ, through the Spirit, who worketh when, and where, and how He pleaseth: so also are all other elect persons who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the Word.

4. Others, not elected, although they may be called by the ministry of the Word, and may have some common operations of the Spirit, yet they never truly come unto Christ, and therefore cannot be saved: much less can men, not professing the Christian religion, be saved in any other way whatsoever, be they never so diligent to frame their lives according to the light of nature, and the laws of that religion they do profess. And, to assert and maintain that they may, is very pernicious, and to be detested.

**SERMON WORKSHEET**  
*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 - PM service*  
**“How God Calls”**

READINGS: 1)..... 2).....

TOPIC: .....

**INTRODUCTION**

In Article 1 we see how a heart of S..... is turned into a heart of flesh!

In chapters .... - .... we see what happens to the lives of men when they receive the gospel

This is known as the ‘O..... of Salvation’

**1 - GOD CALLS ORDINARILY THROUGH HIS WORD AND SPIRIT**

The Church is bringing the Gospel throughout the world because they: *Tick right box*

a) have to hear before they believe [ ] b) have to know what they’ve believed [ ]

In the book of Acts .... : .... Paul’s course is changed around so that Lydia will hear it

That man was ready to throw stones at Whitefield but that God S..... a word to his heart

It’s clear this calling follows the order in Article 1: TRUE / FALSE *Cross wrong one*

Unless God acts through His Spirit a man or woman cannot A..... this call

Which is the right version of Romans 9 verse 18: God has mercy on whom He...

a) wants to have mercy and hardens whom He wants to harden [ ]

b) has to have mercy on all and He hardens no one [ ]

Unless it is as Jesus says in John ..... verse ..... no one can ever have assurance

**2 - GOD CALLS EXTRA-ORDINARILY THROUGH HIS SPIRIT ALONE**

That family who had lost 4 children couldn’t be S..... whether they were in heaven or hell

We cannot take this teaching out of the B..... picture of God’s covenant of grace

This is where Acts .... verses ..... & ..... points us to

God deals with us in F....., which the reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 12 showed us

David left it in the Lord’s H....., because he was confident the LORD acted for the best

While Calvinism has often been described as being harsh & foreboding here it shows how:

a) it could not be more merciful [ ] b) it could not be less merciful [ ]

The difficulty with believing you make a decision for faith is when you’ve no S..... to do that

Unless babies and those mentally incapable are joined by F..... they have no hope

**3 - GOD CALLS INEFFECTIVELY THROUGH ALL ELSE**

Article 4 is about those non-elect people who are R..... capable but do not respond

In John 6:64 Jesus is up-front about this - one like J..... would never come to saving faith

This doesn’t say those who have never heard the Gospel are lost but it does say they can:

a) be saved if they do the right thing [ ] b) not be saved except by coming to Christ [ ]

This is motivation for us to support the work of M..... throughout the world (Acts 4:12)

The Parable of the S..... is very apt here.

In the church there are those who haven’t been called though they R..... in certain ways

Unless someone C..... to Christ through His calling them in His Word they are not saved

This is what Jesus said in John ..... verse .....