



GRACE ALONE

***Sola Gratia* in the Work of the Spirit**

Ephesians 1:13-14

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I. The Spirit CALLS

A. The Spirit as the Divine **PERSUADER**

B. The Spirit as the Divine **SOVEREIGN TRANSFORMER**

1. The **GENERAL** Call

2. The **EFFECTUAL** Call

II. The Spirit SEALS

III. The Spirit PRESERVES

- A. We see the twin truths of ASSURANCE and WARNING taught and emphasized throughout Scripture
1. We are **assured** that genuine Christians will CONTINUE in the Christian life until death (*John 6:38-40; 10:27-29; Rom 8:30; Phil 1:6; 1 Peter 1:5*)
 2. We are **assured** that those who believe have ETERNAL life (*John 3:36; 5:24; 6:4-7; 10:27-30; 1 John 5:13*)
 3. And We are **assured** that the evidence for this perseverance is the SEAL that God places upon us and the POWER that God works within us (*Eph 1:13-14; 1 Pet 1:5; Jude 24-25; 1 Thess 5:23-24; Phil 1:6; Heb 13:20-21*)
 4. We are **warned** about the NECESSITY of continuing in the faith (*Mark 13:13; John 8:31-32; Matt 10:2; 1 Cor 15:1-2; Col 1:22-23; 2 Tim 2:11-12; Heb 3:14; 1 John 2:19*)
 5. We are also **warned** about the danger of DISOBEDIENCE and falling away (*Heb 12:14; Rom 8:13; Gal 5:19-21; 1 John 2:3-6; John 8:31; Juke 8:9-14*)

IV. Application

- A. As we biblically understand these truths, we are HUMBLED
- B. As we biblically understand these truths, God is EXALTED
- C. As we biblically understand these truths, we MARVEL at our salvation