

Dear friends, The following message consists of some of God's scriptural truths with just a few of the countless Bible references that support each. They have greatly benefitted my understanding and walk with God.

Fallen man is extensively depraved by original sin, so that he is entirely unable to do, think, choose, or will anything holy and pleasing to God. Gen 6:5, 8:21; Deut 29:2-4; Job 14:4, 15:14; Psalm 14:1-3, 51:5; Isai 53:6; Jer 17:9; John 3:27; Rom 3:10-12, 8:6-8; 1 Cor 2:14, 7:3 2.

Before the foundation of the world and simply according to His good pleasure, God chose some for mercy and others for ultimate destruction. This decision was entirely independent of any factor outside of God, such as a person's foreseen merit or choices. Psalm 33:12, 65:4; Dan 4:35; Matt 15:13, 20:16, 22:14; Luke 10:20; John 1:13, 6:44, 15:16, 17:6-10; Acts 13:48; Rom 9:11-24, 11:5-8; 1 Cor 1:27-30; Ephes 1:4-6, 11; 2 Tim 1:9, 2:25; 1 Pet 2:8-9 3.

Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, sacrificed His life to propitiate the sins of God's elect. By this atonement God planned to immutably secure salvation for a limited number of chosen individuals. Matt 1:21, 20:28, 26:28; John 10:14-16, 15:13-15, 17:19; Acts 20:28; Rom 5:8-11, 8:33-34; Ephes 5:25-27; Tit 2:14; Heb 9:15; Rev 5:9 4.

When God intends to save an individual, the Holy Spirit effectively works in that person's heart. Without exception, He quickens that chosen person's spirit from death to life through faith in Jesus Christ. Isai 65:1; Jer 24:7, 31:18; Ezek 36:26; John 5:21, 6:37, 17:2; Acts 16:4; 1 Cor 4:7; Ephes 1:19, 2:1-10; Phillip 2:13; 2 Thess 1:11 5.

Those whom God has chosen to partake of mercy, He preserves faithfully to the end by that same powerful Holy Spirit, who first regenerated them to faith and obedience. Isai 54:10; Jer 32:40; John 10:28-29, 17:12-15; Rom 8:29-39, 9:30; 1 Cor 1:8; 2 Tim 4:18; 1 Pet 1:3-5; 1 John 2:19, 3:24, 5:4, Jude 24

I hope that you all find these Scriptures as edifying as I do.

Grace and Truth in Christ,

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