

The Sovereignty of God
Week 4: Sanctification
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Regeneration:
The Beginning of Sanctification
Acts 16:14
A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

Understanding the "Call"
Romans 8:28-30
And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

The Cross and the “Called”

1 Corinthians 1:22-24

For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Drawn by the Father

John 6:43

Jesus answered and said to them, “Do not grumble among yourselves.” No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

Sanctification and Compatibilism

• Philippians 2:12-13

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

The Grace of God:
Power for Proclaiming the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:10
But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

The Means of Grace

- John 17:16
They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

Glorification:
The Consummation of Sanctification

- Philippians 1:6
For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Discussion

- See “Biblical Evangelism” on the CIC Youtube Channel to view Mike Gendron’s message.
<https://youtu.be/uK5BvtOshrs>
- Also “Catholics and Evangelicals: How Different Are We?”
<https://youtu.be/hslO0T2-uEQ>

Next Week:
The Security of Salvation

- Read Romans 8:31-39 and Hebrews 3:14
- Ask:

What is the tension here?

How might a proper understanding of biblical compatibilism relieve this tension?
