

The Doctrines of Grace

7. Practical Matters



Total Depravity

Unconditional Election

Limited Atonement

Irresistible Grace

Perseverance of the Saints



**For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith—and this not from
yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by
works, so that no one can boast.**

- Eph.2:8-9

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[we] are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- 1Peter 1:5 (NAS95)

...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

- Php.1:6

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- (a) a god exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth from a distance.**
- (b) This god wants people to be good, nice and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.**
- (c) The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.**
- (d) God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when god is needed to resolve a problem.**
- (e) Good and nice people go to heaven when they die.**

Moralistic Therapeutic Deism

- *Moralistic*: We should be good, moral people. Not born-again followers of Jesus Christ – just, you know, “Good people.”
- *Therapeutic*: The goal of this religion is to provide therapeutic benefits to its adherents. Not to worship, adore, and obey the living God. God wants us to feel good about ourselves and have high self-esteem.
- *Deism*: God exists and created the world, but then kinda just leaves us alone unless we need him to fix a problem or provide us with something.

...Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”...Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

- James 4:6,10

