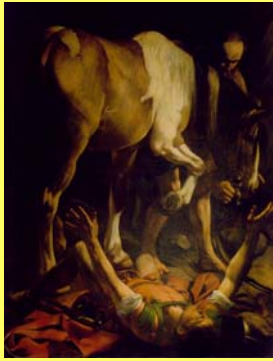


## The Application of Salvation



### *Part One: Conversion*

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## The Nature of Conversion

- The Initiative of the Spirit
  - Conviction or Reproof (Universal)
  - Effectual Calling (Particular)
- The Response of Faith
  - Belief
  - Repentance
  - Baptism



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## 1 Corinthians 2:14

- Unbelievers reject the gospel because they are unable to evaluate it properly in their natural state.
- In order to be properly evaluated, the gospel must be 'spiritually appraised.'

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## John 16

- The Spirit reproves all people.
- But not all respond appropriately to that reproof.



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“Whom He predestined, these He also called, and whom He called, these He also justified.”

- The “called” have already been predestined to become conformed to Christ’s image.
- The “called” are all justified and glorified.
- Believers are often described as the “called.”

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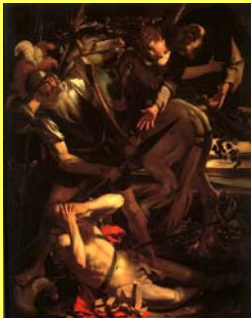
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## The Nature of Effectual Calling



- A divine summons to salvation
- Extended only to the elect
- Always effective (“irresistable grace”)
- Call to more than just conversion
- Involves illumination

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“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.”

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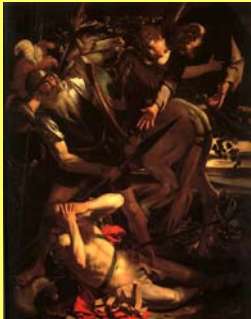
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## Effectual Calling is consistent with . . .



- Depravity and our need for intervention
- God’s providence in employing human choices
- His “passing over” of the non-elect

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## The Response of Faith

Is faith a uniquely Christian experience?

Unbelievers trust in many different things, but only believers trust in the One who is worthy of their trust.

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## A Traditional Definition of Saving Faith

- *notitia* (understanding)
- *assensus* (agreement)
- *fiducia* (trust)



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## Is Saving Faith a Divine Gift?



- Ephesians 2:8–9
- 2 Peter 1:1
- Hebrews 12:2
- Romans 12:3
- Philippians 1:29
- Acts 11:18

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## Repentance

a change of mind (or heart) about . . .



- Jesus Christ
- Our own sin

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