

A Long Line of Godly Men

INTRODUCTION

Throughout history, there has existed a long line of godly men who have taught the doctrines of grace with one voice. These men were able to speak with one voice because they did not invent or create the doctrines of grace but only remained faithful to the teachings of Scripture. In this lesson, Dr. Lawson provides a panoramic view of the doctrines of grace as consistently taught throughout Scripture, from the Old Testament to the New.

LEARNING GOALS

When you have finished this lesson, you should be able to:

- Name and categorize the five doctrines of grace
- Recognize the doctrines of grace in the overarching narrative of Scripture

KEY IDEAS

- The doctrines of grace are five theological statements about how God saves sinners.
- There is a perfect continuity regarding the doctrines of grace in the Old Testament and the New Testament, a continuity that also extends throughout church history.
- The doctrines of grace are the doxological paradigm through which we rightly see our salvation and rightly worship God in humility and truth.

REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Before the Video

What Do You Think?

Take a moment to answer the following questions. They will prepare you for the lecture.

- Why are you undertaking this study of the doctrines of grace in the Old Testament?
- How familiar are you with the doctrines of grace? Can you name them? Have you ever struggled with believing them?

Scripture Reading

“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and I am God. Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?”

—Isaiah 43:10–13

- What does this passage reveal about the nature and actions of God as a Savior?

During the Video

Answer the following questions while you watch the video. They will guide you through the lecture.

Only One Gospel

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- How were people saved in the Old Testament?
- What three words are a succinct summary of the doctrines of grace?
- What is God saving us from by His sovereign grace?

- Where do the doctrines of grace find their origin and their consummation?
- How do the doctrines of grace humble us?

After the Video

Answer the following questions after you have finished the lecture. They will help you identify and summarize the major points.

- List the doctrines of grace using the popular acronym TULIP. What were some of the other phrases that Dr. Lawson used to describe these doctrines?
- How can the doctrines of grace be categorized in terms of their relationship to man and to the Trinity?
- In this lecture, two illustrations were used to describe the doctrines of grace as a linked chain and as a teeter-totter, or a seesaw, on a playground. What truths do these two illustrations teach us about the doctrines of grace?

PRAYER

Commit what you have learned from God's Word in this lesson to prayer.

- Praise God for the majesty of His unfailing love displayed in the doctrines of grace.
- Confess the infrequency of your praise to God for fully securing your salvation.
- Thank God for His perfect work as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in saving you.
- Ask God to answer any difficult questions you have about the doctrines of grace.