

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Monergism vs. Synergism

- a. Monergism: God has done everything as God is pleased.

TULIP: Total Inability, Unconditional Election, Limited Atonement,
Irresistible Grace, Perseverance of the Saints

John Calvin, “Institutes”

“For when it is said in the Psalms, “He has done whatsoever he has pleased,” (Ps. 115:3), the thing meant is his sure and deliberate purpose... Not all men are created with a similar destiny but eternal life is foreordained for some, and eternal damnation for others.

The Westminster Confession

“By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestined to everlasting life and others are foreordained to everlasting death.”

- b. Synergism: God wants us to respond

1 Timothy 2:4, “God wants all men to be saved”

2 Peter 3:9, “He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Revelation 22:17b, ““Come!” Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.”

Romans 8:39 “neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Roger Olson, The Mosaic of Christian Belief (on James Arminius)

“Election is not unconditional; predestination refers to God’s foreknowledge of who will freely accept his offer of salvation through Christ. He based human ability freely to believe in Christ, repent and be saved on “prevening” (prevenient) grace of God.”

3. Let us read Luke 11:1-13

4. Discussion I

- a. What does verse 1 imply?
- b. How do you see the Lord's Prayer in Luke? You can compare with the one in Matthew 6:9-13.
- c. In verse 2, by whom do you think the name of God would be hallowed?
- d. How do you understand forgiveness in this Lord's Prayer?
- e. Why do you think the Lord's Prayer is followed by the parable of friends in Luke?
- f. Why did the friend say no to the urgent request?
- g. Why do you think the friend finally gave bread as mentioned in verse 8?
- h. In verse 8, whose persistence is it? And what does persistence mean?
- i. What's the main point of this parable?

5. Closing Prayer