

b.) PREVENIENT GRACE

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The Doctrine of Prevenient Grace briefly stated teaches.....

That before a man can seek God,
God must first have sought the man

Before a sinful man can think a right thought of God
There must have first been a work of enlightenment
done – worked within him

We pursue God because, and only because, He has first
put an urge within us that spurs us to seek Him

As imperfect as it may be, the secret cause of all our
desire to seek God, to need God, to want God, is God
Himself pursuing, wooing us.

John 6:44 Jesus said:

"No man can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; ..."

It is this prevenient drawing of the Father that brings us to
the place where we are confronted with our need for Jesus

Psalms 63:8 KJV:

"My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me. ..."

Psalms 63:8 Amplified Bible:

*My whole being follows hard after You
And clings closely to You
Your right hand upholds me."*

The impulse to seek or pursue God originates with God,
But the outworking of that impulse is our response of
following hard after God.

All the time that we are seeking and pursuing God we are
already in His hand.... He is already at work in us
Your right hand upholds me

There is no contradiction here – no predestination inferred
God is working in us to desire / to want to;
BUT! Still waiting for us to respond.

On our part there needs to be a positive response of the
pursuit of God, if this secret drawing of God is going
to result in a divine encounter and experience.

Psalm 42:1-2 Amplified Bible:

As the deer pants (and longs) for the water brooks,
So I pant and long for You, O God.

My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Verse. 3 My tears have been my food day and night,
while men say to me all day long, where is your God

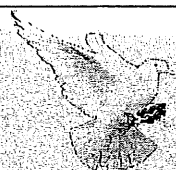
This is deep calling unto deep and every longing heart here
will understand this

Realise that there is an immense struggle / wrestle in the pursuit
of God.... It's God's way of requiring FAITH to please Him

God is working in us all the time , However
He seldom responds to our cry immediately..
He requires a soul to seek Him with all it's heart

Jeremiah 29:11-14

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD:
thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12
Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to
you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me
with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will
bring you back from your captivity;



Matthew 7:7

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.

8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks
finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

"Ask..... And keep on asking!

"Everyone who asks, receives!"

"Seek.....And keep on seeking!

"Everyone who seeks, finds!"

"Knock.....and keep on knocking!

"Everyone who knocks, the door
will be opened"

See also John 20:31

"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all
your heart. 14 I will be found by you, says the LORD..... Jeremiah 29:13

Quote: AW Tozer [Pursuit of God]

The doctrine of justification by faith – A biblical truth, and a blessed
relief from sterile legalism and unavailing self effort – has in our time
fallen into evil company and been interpreted by many in such manner
as actually bar men from the knowledge of God. The whole transaction
of religious conversion has been made mechanical and spiritless.
Faith may now be exercised without a jar to the moral life and without

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embarrassment to the Adamic ego. Christ may be "received" without creating any special love for Him in the soul of the receiver. The man is "saved" but he is not hungry nor thirsty for God. In fact, he is specifically taught to be satisfied and is encouraged to be content with little.

In other words it boils down to "God accepts me just as I am and so I just accept Him as and believe by faith that He has accepted me...."

No need to seek Him until I find Him.

No need to repent and turn away from my sin.

No need to put to death that for which Jesus died for.
 He did it all 2000 years ago and by faith I believe that I have been forgiven my sins past present and future, whether I actually have found Jesus or received His forgiveness or not

The soul of man can never be satisfied until it has found its rest in a living relationship with Jesus, and His prevenient grace drawing us continues well after we have met Him, with a continuing hunger and thirst that can only be met through eating of our daily manner .

It is this prevenient drawing of the Father that brings us to the place where we are confronted with our need for Jesus And it is the continuing prevenient grace of the Holy Spirit that keeps us keeping on hungering and thirsting for His Righteousness.

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I want desperately to encourage this mighty longing after God. The lack of it has brought us (the Church) to our present low estate. The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is the result of our lack of holy desire. Complacency is a deadly foe (enemy) of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted. Too bad that with many of us He will wait too long, so very long in vain.

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
For they shall be filled Matthew 5:6*

Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.Isaiah 55:1

"And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely..... Revelation 22:17

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