

Bible vs. Roman Catholic Church on Effectual Calling/Irresistible Grace

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<p>Man is passive and does not cooperate in justification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Due to Doctrine of Total Depravity: Ephesians 2:1,3 (John 3:6; Genesis 6:5; Romans 5:6) 2. Due to the necessity of the New Birth: I Corinthians 2:14; Romans 8:7; Jeremiah 13:23 3. So the necessity for our new creation/resurrection: II Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 2:12 <p>The Bible teaches Irresistible Grace:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John 6:44 "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." 2. Ezekiel 36:26 "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." 3. John 3:3 "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."; c.f. Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:3 4. Ephesians 1:18-19 "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power" 5. II Corinthians 4:6 "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."; c.f. 2:8 6. Philippians 1:29 "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;"; c.f. 2:13 7. Acts 11:18 "When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life." 	<p>"If anyone says that the free will of man moved and excited by God cooperates not at all, by assenting to God exciting and calling, by which it disposes and prepares itself for obtaining the grace of justification and cannot dissent if it wishes, but as an inanimate something does not act at all and is merely passive, let him be anathema." -Council of Trent, Session 6, Canon 4</p>

1) The Truth: See attached 8 proofs of the doctrine of irresistible grace.

2) The Roman Catholic Church benefits from their synergistic doctrines by enslaving their faithful into different species of salvation by works of righteousness. If we add anything to the satisfaction of Christ, then all assurance is lost as we rely upon ourselves for ultimate salvation.

3) Quick/Brief Examples of the consent of the Church Fathers with the Bible:

Church Father	Source	Quote:	Year of our Lord
Fulgentius of Ruspe	Episcopi Africani, Letter 15	"God commands man to will; but the Lord works in man even to will: he commands him to do, but he works even to do."	c. 462-533
Augustine	Enchiridion 9	"We read of both in the sacred writings, both his mercy goes before me and follows me; it goes before the one unwilling that he may will successfully	420
Augustine	<i>Against Two Letters of the Pelagians 1.37</i>	"He does not say, 'hath led,' that we should understand there that the will in some way precedes. Who is drawn, if he is already willing? And yet no one comes unless he wills. Therefore he is drawn in wonderful modes that he may will, by him who knows how to work internally upon the very wills of men, not that men unwilling math believe (an impossibility), but that they may become willing from unwilling."	c. 354-411