

Verses 1-2

Verse 3

Luke 5:27-28; 15:1

Jesus, by His words and works, woos us to Himself.

Verses 3-4

Verse 5

Ephesians 1:4-6

Luke 18:25

Jesus, by His grace and mercy, invites Himself to dwell with us.

*Westminster Shorter Catechism – Question 31 – What is effectual calling?
Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.*

Verse 6

1 Timothy 2:5

Jesus, by His majesty and holiness, reconnects us to God our Creator.

Verse 7

Philip Ryken – What people failed to understand is that salvation is for sinners.

Verse 8

Augustine – Grace is bestowed on us, not because we have done good works, but that we may be able to do them.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Jesus, by His presence and conviction, rids us of the damning weight of sin.

Verse 9

Genesis 15:5; 22:17

Galatians 3:13-14

Jesus, by His authority and forgiveness, declares us “saved.”

Verse 10

Luke 15:1-7

Jesus, by His love and power, seeks us and finds us.

Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 2:1-9*