**Election to grace**:

1. The entire **human race** is, in fact, truly redeemed (or bought-back), so reconciled with God through Christ. **By His faultless obedience, suffering, and death, Christ merited-for-us** the righteousness that helps us before the Father and grants eternal life.
2. Such **merit and benefits earned by Christ** are graciously **presented, offered, and distributed to people** through the Word of God’s Gospel and the Mysteries of His Sacraments (of Baptism washed onto us and into us).
3. By His Holy Spirit (through the Word, when it is preached, heard, and pondered) **Christ** becomes **effective in us** and **active in us**.
4. God’s Holy Spirit will **justify** all those who, in true repentance (in sorrow for our sins and a desire to turn from them wanting God’s mercy) **receive Christ as Lord and Savior by a true faith (and trust)**. God, having already made payment for them with His Son’s blood, **adopts** as, also, sons and daughters of His, **promising** (even **guaranteeing, through baptism**) the inheritance of eternal life.
5. God will also **sanctify** (or work to **make pure**) all who are His own, and do-so in love, **growing us always more and more** **toward His own image**.
6. He will **protect** those of His own who might, yet, show great weakness against the devil and the temptations of this world and the wants of the flesh. Related to His sanctifying of us, He **protects us** by **ruling our hearts and leading us in His ways**, raising us up when we stumble, comforting us as we bear crosses that we must, and preserving us for that life that’s eternal.
7. To this end, He **will strengthen, increase, and support (to the end)** the Good that He begins in us, and He does-that as we cling to His Word and pray diligently, abiding purposefully in what His Goodness entrusts to us.
8. Finally, God **will** **save** and **glorify** His own according to His promise. It will be **His work** **to make Good ultimately happen** as we continue to let Him take us there.