

The Glorious Biblical Doctrine of Election

1. What is the doctrine of "Election"?

Defined by: (1689 London Baptist Confession)

Those of mankind who are predestinated to life, God chose before the foundation of the world was laid, in accordance with His eternal and immutable purpose and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will. God chose them in Christ for everlasting glory, solely out of His free grace and love, without anything in the creature as a condition or cause moving Him to choose.

Ephesians 1:4, 9, 11; Romans 8:30; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; Romans 9:13, 16; Ephesians 2:5, 12

2. Who did the Choosing? When was it done? The Election is over. "Somebody gave someone to somebody",

All of the Elect were given to Jesus as a LOVE GIFT from the Father to the Son.

Though the Trinity of God were all involved and in perfect Unity (triunity), God the Father is revealed in Scripture as the Elector. **John 6:65, 2 Thessalonians 2:13,**

Ephesians 1:11...according to the counsel of His own will (He needed not the counsel of any man nor the counsel of man's free will). It was His decision and His decision to make. His Election was Unconditional. He knew who he wanted to give to Jesus. Romans 8:29

"Those whom He foreknew"- NOT THOSE OF WHAT HE FOREKNEW ABOUT THEM DOING (i.e. accepting Jesus)

3. This brings us to a discussion of "Foreknowledge" (1 Peter 1:1)

Greek: prognosis from prognosko- To know beforehand, to ordain (Acts 2:23- Jesus' plan of redemption ordained by God according to His foreknowledge –Foreordaining.

What it is not- **Since God knows everything (omniscient) then God does not ever learn anything NEW or need to.** God did not need to use "some sort of telescopic vision to learn who would choose His Son and then elect that person".

Election seen from **Isaiah 53:12** (Hidden in Plain Sight)

¹²Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

What is the Value of understanding the Doctrine of Election?

- Humility- God could have “passed over me” but I was Chosen before without any conditions on my part. (Unconditional Election)
- Salvation Value is enhanced- For me it was as a beautiful ring before (Cubit Zirconium) but now A Diamond of Greatest Worth specifically given to His Bride.
- It enhances the responsibility of every believer- The principle of “to whom much is given much is required”, and the need of “examining yourself to make your calling and election sure”.

Many Songs mentioning Election- “When the Roll is called up yonder”

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there.

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