

BIBLICAL ELECTION

A LOOK AT WHAT GOD CHOOSES

“...In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will...”
~ Ephesians 1:11

1. Election is a Bible Word

- a. The question: What or who is elect/predestinated?
- b. Calvin/Arminians: Individuals who are saved and damned before the world
- c. The Bible: God choosing according to his own will to fulfill his purpose
- d. Election means choice: God chose to fulfill his purpose in Christ – Eph 1:9-10

2. Before the Foundation of the World

- a. What was there? Not found in Genesis 1.
- b. Christ – John 1:1, 17:5, 17:24
- c. The promise of eternal life: God’s purpose - Titus 1:2
- d. God’s purpose in Christ (the mystery of his will): 1 Cor 2:7-8, Eph 1:9-10
- e. A two-fold purpose: one was revealed (prophecy) one wasn’t (mystery)
- f. No one else was there, no one else existed, not one sin committed.
- g. God’s purpose was before the world, not you - 2Tim 1:9

3. The Elect of God

- a. Israel – Isaiah 45:4, 65:9 (God’s servants Lev 25:55) → Matt 24:22-24
 - i. The scattered strangers of Israel, the “little flock” - 1Pet 1:2, 2Pet 1:10
 - ii. The Father’s good pleasure to give you... - Luke 12:32 – why? Mat 21:43
- b. Christ – Isaiah 42:1 → 1 Peter 2:6
 - i. The only time foreordained is mentioned is about Christ – 1 Pet 1:19-20
 - ii. What else was before the world? → Rom 16:25, Eph 3:9-12
 - iii. We are chosen in Christ (mentioned 3x) – Eph 1:4-6

4. The Election of God is a Purpose

- a. According to his will/riches/good pleasure/purpose – Eph 1:5,7,9,11
- b. Predestination is a destination predetermined = heavenly place – Eph 1:3, 2:6
- c. According to his purpose: conformed to the image of his Son – Romans 8:28-29
- d. His prophetic purpose was according to election through Israel - Romans 9:6-11
 - i. “why Israel?” because of his choice, his oath – Deut 7:6-10
 - ii. There are elect that are not saved – Rom 11:28, John 6:70
- e. The only time ‘foreordained’ is mentioned it is Christ – 1 Peter 1:19-20
- f. God is wiser than man, this is how his purpose gets accomplished – Rom 11:33