Lesson 5: The Gracious Elector

Ephesians 1:3-12, 2:4-10;
John 6:35-40, 44;
Romans 9:6-24

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Man was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27)

Man fell into sin (Genesis 3:6)

2 Results of the Fall

1. Sin spread to all people (Romans 5:12)

2. Sin spread to all parts of the person (mind, emotion, will)
   - Spiritual Unwillingness (John 5:39-40)
   - Spiritual Inability (John 6:44)
God chooses...

1) Angels – 1 Timothy 5:21

2) People

   o Nations -- Isaiah 45:4 "...And Israel My chosen one...”

   o Individuals
     • Service/Ministry – Luke 6:13
     • Salvation – 2 Thess. 2:13, 2 Timothy 2:10, Acts 13:48
CHARACTERISTICS OF ELECTION

1. Election is divine: Mark 13:20; Eph. 1:4
2. Election is individual: John 10:3
3. It was before time began: Eph. 1:4
4. It is permanent and fixed: Acts 13:48; Rom. 8:28-30

Only the elect believe, no more, no less
CHARACTERISTICS OF ELECTION

5. Election is unconditional

- Spiritually Well
- Spiritually Sick
- Spiritually Dead

Monergism: God elects people based on His sovereign good pleasure.

Synergism: God elects those who first exercise faith in Jesus Christ.
Does God elect people because they believe in the Lord Jesus Christ,
or
does God elect people in order that they will believe in Christ?

Does a person’s faith cause election or
is faith the result of election?
CHARACTERISTICS OF ELECTION

5. Election is unconditional
   - *Election is based on the foreknowledge of God*

1 Peter 1:1 “…chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father…”

*What does the word “foreknowledge” mean?*

πρόγνωσις *prognosis* → foreknowledge

πρό *pro* means – before

γνώσις *gnosis* – knowledge

οἶδα *oida* – to know; to intellectually have information about something

γινώσκω *ginosksw* – to know someone intimately; in terms of a relationship.
πρόγνωσις prognosis

οἶδα oida γινώσκω ginosko
CHARACTERISTICS OF ELECTION

5. Election is unconditional
   - *Election is based on the foreknowledge of God*
   - *Election is not based on any giftedness or goodness in the sinner:* 1 Cor. 1:26-29; 2 Tim. 1:9

6. Election is loving: Ephesians 1:4-5