

The Biblical Doctrine of Election

How important is election?

If God had not chosen specific individuals to salvation, there would be NO:

Abrahamic Covenant, nation of Israel

Mosaic Covenant, tabernacle, temple, animal sacrifices,
day of atonement, high priest

Davidic Covenant, King Jesus, Millennial Kingdom

Suffering Servant, miracles of Jesus, teaching of Jesus,
healings of Jesus, God-man

ordo salutis – order of salvation

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| (1. Election) | 7. Justification |
| 2. Atonement | 8. Adoption |
| 3. Preaching | 9. Sanctification |
| 4. Calling | 10. Perseverance |
| 5. Regeneration | 11. Glorification |
| 6. Conversion | |

Election—General Biblical Statements, showing
that God has an elect people whom He has
predestined to salvation, eternal life:

Deuteronomy 10:14-15

Psalms 33:12 65:4 106:5

Haggai 2:23

Matthew 11:27 22:14 24:22, 24, 31

Luke 18:7

Acts 13:48

Romans 8:28-30, 33 9:6-13, 19-24 11:1-10, 28

I Corinthians 1:26-29

Ephesians 1:3-6

Titus 1:1

Philippians 1:29

I Peter 1:1-2 2:8-9

Colossians 3:12

Jude 3-4

I Thessalonians 1:2-4, 5:9

Revelation 17:14

Definition of Election

“The doctrine of election declares that God, before the foundation of the world, chose certain individuals from among the fallen members of Adam's race to be the objects of His undeserved favor. These, and only these, He purposed to save.

“His eternal choice of particular sinners unto salvation was not based upon any foreseen act or response on the part of those selected, but was based solely on His own good pleasure and sovereign will. Thus, election was not determined by, or conditioned upon, anything that men would do, but resulted entirely from God's self-determined purpose.”

Purposes of Election *Why did God elect?*

Concerning Man

1. That we might be *saved*
II Thess. 2:13 II Tim. 1:9
2. That we might be *holy*
Ephesians 1:4 Romans 8:28-29
3. That we might *praise/worship* God
Ephesians 1:3 II Thess. 2:13-15

Concerning God

1. That He might be *glorified*
Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14
2. That He might be seen to be *working out* all things according to His eternal plan and purpose
Romans 8:28-30
3. That He might show His *power*
Romans 9:22-24

Overview of Election

1. God did the choosing, not man.

Dead men make no choices.

Mark 13:20 John 15:16 I Thess. 1:4

2. God's choice was before the foundation of the world.

Eph. 1:4 II Thess. 2:13 II Tim. 1:9

3. God wrote the *names* of the elect in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 13:8 17:8

4. The bases of God's choice were

Negatively: --foreseen merit I Cor. 1:27-29

--foreseen good works Rom. 9:11-13

Rom. 10:20 II Tim. 1:9

Positively: --God's mercy Rom. 9:16

--God's purpose II Tim. 1:9

--God's grace II Tim. 1:9

5. Faith and good works result from election; they are not the bases for it.

Faith Acts 13:48 18:27 Phil. 1:29 II Th. 2:13-14

Works Eph. 1:12 2:10 John 15:16

Salvation: the work of the Triune God

“Election, therefore, is but *one* aspect (though an important aspect) of the saving purpose of the Triune God, and thus must not be viewed *as* salvation. For the act of election *itself* saved no one; what it did was to mark out certain individuals for salvation. Consequently, the doctrine of election must not be divorced from the doctrines of human guilt, redemption, and regeneration or else it will be distorted and misrepresented. In other words, if it is to be kept in its proper Biblical balance and correctly understood, the Father's act of election must be related to the redeeming work of the Son who gave Himself to save the elect and to the renewing work of the Spirit who brings the elect to faith in Christ!” (underlining mine)