

Salvation – Part 2: Unconditional Election

Lesson 6: Romans 8:28-30; Ephesians 1:3-6;

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

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Review study

- The Bible
- The Godhead
- Creation
- Salvation
- The Christian Life
- The Christians Three Enemies
- The Church
- The Last Things

Outline

- History
- Election
- By grace (unconditional)
- Passages for the lesson

Historical Background

- Synod of Dort November 1618 – May 1619
- Followers of Arminius objected to Belgic Confession
 - Election based on foreseen faith
 - Universal atonement
 - Total depravity
 - Resistible grace
 - Possibility of falling from grace
- Canons of Dort developed to counter these errors
- Order follows that of the Remonstrance
 - Do all other points flow from election?

Election word study

- Called – called to God's kingdom
- Call – choose for receipt of a special benefit or experience
- Choose – to make a choice in accordance with significant preference
- Elect – pertaining to being selected, chosen
- Predestine – decide upon beforehand

Election

- Acts 13:48
- Acts 16:14
- Acts 18:27
- 2 Timothy 2:19
- 1 Peter 2:9
- 2 John 1, 13
- Revelation 13:8

Unconditional

- Romans 11:5-6
- 2 Timothy 1:9
- Galatians 3
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Romans 9

Romans 8:28-30

²⁸And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are **called** according to *His* purpose. ²⁹For those whom He foreknew, He also **predestined** *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰and these whom He **predestined**, He also **called**; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

- Christians as those:
 - Who love God
 - Called according to His purpose
- God's purpose
 - Our conformity to Christ
 - Jesus as firstborn of many
- Certainties of the predestined
 - Called
 - Justified
 - Glorified

Ephesians 1:3-6

³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴just as He **chose** us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He **predestined** us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

- Spiritual blessings are only in Christ
- Chosen before creation
- Chosen to be holy
- Chosen to be blameless
- Chosen in love
- God's choice should result in praise

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

¹³But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has **chosen** you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. ¹⁴It was for this He **called** you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Praise God for other believers
- God chose from the beginning
- Goal: salvation
- The call of God comes through the Gospel
- God calls us to gain glory in Christ

What about evangelism?

- All the elect will come to Christ
- Satan cannot stop the elect from turning to God
- God has chosen to use messengers to bring the Gospel

Summary

- God chose the elect before the foundation of the world
- God's choice was based on love
- The purpose of God's choice was salvation
- God's choice results in: conformity to Christ, sanctification, holiness, justification, glorification
- God deserves praise for His gracious election