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

28 And 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. 29 For 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; 30 and 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

13 But 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. 14 It 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