

## ELECTION

1. The only member of the human race who was ever elected, was the unique Person of the universe, the Lord Jesus Christ and He was actually elected in eternity past. Christ has a destiny.
  - A. Isaiah 42:1, "Behold My Servant, whom I uphold, Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth; I have put My Spirit upon Him: He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles."
  - B. 1 Peter 2:6, "Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief Cornerstone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded."
2. This election of Christ took place before man ever existed, in eternity past, before the foundation of the Earth.
  - A. John 15:16, "Ye have not chose Me, but I have chosen you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My Name, He may give it you."
  - B. Ephesians 1:4, "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."
  - C. 2 Thessalonians 2:13, "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the Truth."
  - D. 1 Peter 1:2, "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: GRACE unto you, and peace, be multiplied."
3. Every believer in the Church Age shares the election of Christ, through being found in Christ, accepted in the Beloved, because of positional truth.
  - A. Romans 8:28-30, 33, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, whom He justified, them He also glorified." "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justified."
  - B. 1 Corinthians 1:2, 30, "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's." "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."
  - C. Ephesians 1:4.
  - D. The moment you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you have eternal life and you are in union with Him and you share His destiny.
4. All members of the human race have the potential of being elected in the plan of God because Christ died for the sins of the whole world - the doctrine of unlimited atonement.
  - A. 2 Timothy 2:10, "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."
  - B. 1 John 2:2, "And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

- C. Christ has a future, Christ has a destiny, Christ has an election. We share it by exercising our free will, by accepting Him as our personal Savior.
5. This election takes place for you at the moment you receive Christ as your personal Savior.
    - A. 1 Thessalonians 1:4, "Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God."
    - B. 2 Thessalonians 2:13.
    - C. 2 Timothy 1:9, "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and GRACE, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."
  6. Election, like everything else in the Word of God is a GRACE concept. We don't deserve or earn the right to share the destiny of Christ. It is a free gift.
    - A. Galatians 1:6, 15, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the GRACE of Christ unto another gospel." "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His GRACE."
  7. Election has a present possession for us as well as a future possession for us, which also shows the eternal relationship we have with the Lord at the point of salvation and this is based on being in union with Christ.
    - A. Colossians 3:12, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering."
    - B. 2 Timothy 1:9.
  8. God is consistent with GRACE and election was also a possession of regenerate Jews in the previous dispensation.
    - A. Romans 11:1-7.
    - B. Isaiah 41:8, "But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend."
  9. Election actually explains the foundation of the Church Age. No matter what kind of a believer you are, whether carnal or spiritual. We are in the plan of God. So, election states that God has an eternal plan for your life.
  10. The Greek language helps us again with the concept Biblically of election or calling. The word "called" is another term for election and with a Greek preposition, it gives us a special meaning. "Called in" is literally, "in the sphere of." So, there is election in four spheres found in Scripture.
    - A. GRACE: Galatians 1:6 (Called in Grace), "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the GRACE of Christ unto another gospel."
    - B. Hope: Ephesians 4:4 (Called in Hope), "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling."
    - C. Peace: 1 Corinthians 7:15 (Called in Peace), "But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace."
    - D. Holiness: 1 Thessalonians 4:7 (Called in Holiness, or position), "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."
  11. "Called By" literally, by means of (DIA). The means of election is the Gospel.

A. 2 Thessalonians 2:14, "Whereunto He called you by our Gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

12. "Called Unto." This preposition denotes purpose of election.

A. Fellowship - 1 Corinthians 1:9

B. That we might be part of His Kingdom - 1 Thessalonians 2:12

C. For Eternal Life - 1 Timothy 6:12

D. Enjoyment of Light - 1 Peter 2:9

E. Suffering - 1 Peter 2:21

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