

The Doctrine of Election

Sermon 4 The Doctrines of Grace Series

Intro: Ephesians 1:3-14

I. Defining Election

“To elect” simply means “to select or choose”.

Elect means to select or choose – which necessarily means some will not be chosen (Election and Reprobation).

- Election is God’s work in choosing undeserving sinners.
- Reprobation is God leaving men to their own sin and depravity

II. Three Prominent Words Used to Describe this Doctrine

1. Unconditional Election
2. Foreordination – Eph. 1:11; Isaiah 40:13; Job 42:1-6
3. Predestination

III. Scriptures Concerning Election

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IV. Examples of Election

David, Abraham, Ishamel, Isaac, Jacob, Esau

Moses and Pharaoh – Exodus 9:13-16

The Nation of Israel – Deuteronomy 10:12-15; 7:7-8

Christians -- 1 Peter 2:9-10

V. Election is not Salvation

Election (which is a secret decree until applied by the Spirit) assures salvation to the elect.

The Father elects all who will be saved – eternity past (time is not involved).

The Lord Jesus Christ – in the purposes of God before the foundation of the world -- comes into time and through His death and resurrection -- redeems those given to Him by His Father.

The Holy Spirit – in the lifetime of the elect one – applies the redemption purchased by Christ.