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I. Intro.

Subjects covered in this study.

Election	Is God Fair?
Predestination	Is God Just?
Reprobation	Are We Robots?
Divine Decree	Why Should I Pray?
Free Will	Why Should I Evangelize?
Sovereignty of God	Does God Have Two Wills?
Glory of God	2 Peter 3:9
Does God Love Everyone equally?	The Divine Foreknowledge View
The Rights of the Creator/Potter	Is Man Spiritually Sick or is he dead?
The order of the Plan of God	Man's Ability/Inability To Sin
The Internal Call of God	The Pre-Salvation Progression Of The
God Centered vs. Man Centered Theology	The Working of God

2 Tim. 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work

2 Tim. 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

Duet. 29:29

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

Is. 55:8-9

8 %or My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,+ declares the LORD
9 %or as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.+

Time

Time has a strange property. You can move forward and look back. You can't move back or look forward.

Do any of you remember tomorrow?

%alone know the end from the beginning+

Is. 46: 9 . 10 %Remember the former things long past, for **I am God, and there is no other, I am God and there is no one like Me**, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying,
%My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.+

Doctrines We Can't Explain:

God is eternal. Where did God come from?
I will exist forever.

God is infinite . no limit on His Being.
Jesus is fully God and full man at the same time.
God can create something out of nothing.

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The Word is Crystal Clear On This Subject.

Election is rejected, not because you can't understand or comprehend it, but because it offends man's pride, his self-will, his ego, his self-determination.
He is offended because he can't make that choice.

If you have a Bible . and you say you believe in the Bible - The only question then is WHAT do you believe about it.

Most Christians believe that what God has said in essence concerning election: %am going to reveal this and no man is going to understand it. It will be confusing, perplexing, and man will debate and argue over it but that's just the kind of God I am.+

Election

A Study Of God's Glory

Is. 45: 6 . 7

That men may know from the rising to the setting of
the sun that there is no one besides Me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other, the One
forming light and creating darkness, causing well-
being and creating calamity, I am the Lord who
does all these

Romans 9: 1-24

1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me
In the Holy Spirit,
2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.
3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake
of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,
4 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the
covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the
promises,
5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh,
who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.
6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel
who are descended from Israel;
7 nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but:
%THROUGH ISSAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED.+
8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the
children of the promise are regarded as descendants.
9 For this is the word of promise: %AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH
SHALL HAVE A SON.+

10 And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had
conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;
11 for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good
or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not
because of works but because of Him who calls,
12 it was said to her, %THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER.+
13 Just as it is written, %JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED.+
14 What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there?
May it never be!
15 For He says to Moses, %I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE
MERCY,
AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION.+
16 So then it does not depend on man who wills or the man who runs,
but on God who has mercy.
17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, %FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I
RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT
MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE
EARTH.+

18 So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He
desires.
19 You will say to me then, %Why does He still find fault? For who resists
His will?
20 On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God?
The thing molded will not say to the molder,
%Why did you make me like this, +will it?
21 Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the
same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?
22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make
His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared
for destruction?
23 And He did so to make known the riches of HIS GLORY upon vessels
of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,
24 even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only,
but also from among Gentiles.

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II. Definitions

Sovereignty of God – God is the Almighty, the Possessor of all power in Heaven and earth so that no one can defeat His decree, thwart His purpose, or resist His will. It is absolute and infinite. God is sovereign in all of His attributes. He is sovereign in the exercise of His power. His power is exercised as He wills when He wills, where He wills. He has the right to govern the universe which He made for His own glory, just as He pleases.
IT IS TO DECLARE THAT GOD IS GOD

Election – The sovereign and eternal act of God whereby, according to the good pleasure of His will and without any foreseen merit in man, He has chosen a certain number of individuals out of mankind to be the receivers of His Grace and eternal salvation in Christ with all its blessings, with the result that it all may be to the praise of His glory.

Reprobation – God's passive attitude in passing over some men in their regeneration, which expresses His divine justice in condemning them to eternal punishment for their sins. This word is also used with reference to persons cast away or rejected because they have failed to make use of opportunities offered them (1Co 9:27; 2Co 13:5-7)

Fatalism – We are the result of and under the control of blind, powerful forces about which nothing can be done. There is no intelligent end, purpose or motive. What will be will be.

Chance . We are the result of haphazard chance. No intention, direction, forethought, or plan. Only (good or bad) luck, fortune, and/accident.

Luck . That which seems to happen or come to one by chance.

Free Will – The belief that the will of man is without restraint or restriction. Nothing externally nor internally hinders the free exercise of the will to choose what it may.

Free Agency – Man is free to make choices based on his strongest inclinations. Although fallen, he still has reason, conscience, can recognize moral distinctions and choose what it may.

God's Eternal Decree . A predetermined plan by the sovereign God of the universe, conceived in eternity past, which serves to accomplish a divine and holy purpose, including all things pertaining to time and eternity. It is wise, unchangeable, absolute, infinite, eternal, unconditional and free.

Foreknowledge – The knowledge possessed by God in eternity past, prior to the actuality of the acts or events which occur in time. Foreknowledge is based on God's Eternal Decree which is based on His omniscience.

Predestination – The sovereign act of God whereby He determines the destiny of all who would believe in Him, with the acts and the events that serve to bring about that end.

III. The big picture.

A. The 3 pillars of election.

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Trinitarian Expressions of Love

Chain of the Plan of God

God Chose

The Glory of God

The purpose for choosing the plan.

The display of the Glory of God by the plan.

The Inability of Spiritually Dead Man

The Depravity of Man

Man's ability / inability to sin

Election

Scripture on Election

Grace

Pre-Salvation progression

The external and internal callings of God

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B. The 3 pillars of %free will+

Man's "Free" Will

Why does man cling to the idea of "free will"?

1. God needs to be protected from being unfair, unjust, and responsible for the decisions of man.
2. Free will needs to be protected . only way to make man responsible.
3. God doesn't want robots.
4. It is part of our Adamic nature to be totally %free+and %independent+

IV. Romans 9: 1-24

V. Example of the Elect being saved.

A. The city of Nineveh.

Jonah 3: 4 - 5

Then Jonah began to go through the city one day's walk; and he cried out and said, ~~Yet~~ forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown. **Then the people of Nineveh believed in God;** and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them.

The 3 Pillars Of Election

E l e c t i o n

Sovereignty
Of
God

Glory
Of
God

Complete
Inability
of a
Spiritually
Dead Man

God is the ultimate source of everything. God knew all possible plans He could put into existence.

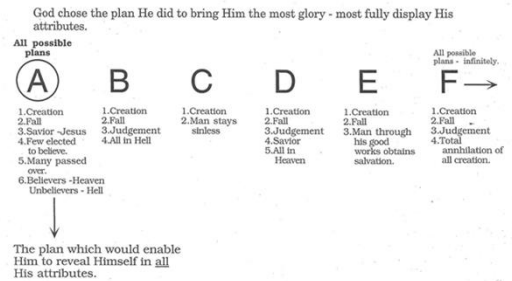
God chose the plan that would most fully display ALL of His attributes (glorify Him the most)

That plan included the fall of man and man's spiritual %deadness+. Man is incapable on his own of choosing God.

A B C D E ...infinity

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The Plan of God



Sovereignty of God -

Rom. 11: 36 For **from Him** and through Him and to Him are all things,
 1 Tim. 6:15 ..who is the blessed and only **Sovereign**, King of kings and Lord of Lords,
 Col. 1:17 He is before all things, and in Him **all things** hold together.
 1 Chron. 29:11 Yours O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth;
Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and you exalt Yourself as head over all.

Glory of God-

Eph. 1:5-6
 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
 6 to the **praise of the glory of His grace**
 Eph. 1:12
 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the **praise of His glory**.
 1 Cor. 10:31
 Whether, then, you eat or drink or what ever you do, **do all to the glory of God**.
 Rom. 9:23
 And He did **so to make known the riches of His Glory** upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory.

Complete Inability of a Spiritually Dead Man

Eph. 2:1
 And you **were dead** in your trespasses and sins.
 Rom. 3:11
 There is **NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD**.
Col. 2: 13
 When **you were dead** in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh.
 John 6:65
 And He was saying, %for this reason I have said to you, that **no one can come to Me** unless it has been granted him from the Father.+
 1 cor. 2:14
 But a natural man **does not accept the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are foolishness to him; and **he cannot understand them**, because they are spiritually appraised.