

**Discipleship:
An
Introduction to
Systematic Theology and
Apologetics**

Protestant Reformation Doctrines of Salvation

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Sequence of Salvation (Review)

Unconditional Election ← Election

Total Depravity ← The Fall

Irresistible
Grace

Effective Call

Regeneration

Limited
Atonement

Faith

Repentance

Conversion

Preservation
of the
saints

Justification

Adoption

Elapsed
Time is
Zero

Election (Review)

- Wayne Grudem defines election as: *Election is an act of God before creation in which he chooses some people to be saved, not on account of any foreseen merit in them, but only **because of his sovereign good pleasure**.*
- Another term is reprobation: *The sovereign decision of God before creation to pass over some persons, in sorrow deciding not to save them, and to punish them for their sins, and thereby to **manifest his justice**.*
- Predestination is a broader term that includes election (for believers) and reprobation (for unbelievers).

Election: elect /chosen /predestined (Review)

- In the NT the Greek word translated as “*elect*” is *eklektos*
- In the NT the Greek words translated as “*chose*” or “*chosen*” is *eklegō*
- Predestined is an exclusive NT word translation of the Greek word *proorizō*

Election: Belgic Confession 1561

16. Of Eternal Election

We believe that all the posterity of Adam being thus fallen into perdition and ruin, by the sin of our first parents, God then did manifest himself such as he is; that is to say, merciful and just: Merciful, since he delivers and preserves from this perdition all, whom he, in his eternal and unchangeable counsel of mere goodness, has elected in Christ Jesus our Lord, **without any respect to their works**: Just, in leaving others in the fall and perdition wherein they have involved themselves.

Election: 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith

3.3 By the decree of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and angels are predestinated, or foreordained to eternal life through Jesus Christ, to the praise of his glorious grace; others being left to act in their sin to their just condemnation, to the praise of his glorious justice. (1 Timothy 5:21; Matthew 25:34; Ephesians 1:5, 6; Romans 9:22, 23; Jude 4)

3.4 These angels and men thus predestinated and foreordained, are particularly and unchangeably designed, and their number so certain and definite, that it cannot be either increased or diminished. (2 Timothy 2:19; John 13:18)

Election: 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith

3.5 Those of mankind that are predestinated to life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to his eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of his will, hath chosen in Christ unto everlasting glory, out of his mere free grace and love, without any other thing in the creature as a condition or cause moving him thereunto. (Ephesians 1:4, 9, 11; Romans 8:30; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; Romans 9:13, 16; Ephesians 2:5, 12)

Election: 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith

3.6 As God hath appointed the elect unto glory, so he hath, by the eternal and most free purpose of his will, foreordained all the means thereunto; wherefore they who are **elected**, being fallen in Adam, are **redeemed** by Christ, are **effectually called** unto faith in Christ, by his Spirit working in due season, are **justified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by his power through faith unto salvation**; neither are any other redeemed by Christ, or effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified, and saved, but the elect only. (1 Peter 1:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:9, 10; Romans 8:30; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:5; John 10:26; John 17:9; John 6:64

Election: 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith

3.7 The doctrine of the high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care, that men attending the will of God revealed in his Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may, from the certainty of their effectual vocation, be assured of their eternal election; so shall this doctrine afford matter of praise, reverence, and admiration of God, and of humility, diligence, and abundant consolation to all that sincerely obey the gospel. (1 Thessalonians 1:4, 5; 2 Peter 1:10; Ephesians 1:6; Romans 11:33; Romans 11:5, 6, 20; Luke 10:20)

Election: Elder Affirmation of Faith

- 3.3 We believe that God's election is an unconditional (39) act of free grace (40) which was given through His Son Christ Jesus before the world began (41). By this act God chose, before the foundation of the world, those who would be delivered from bondage to sin (42) and brought to repentance (43) and saving faith (44) in His Son Christ Jesus.

(39) ROMANS 9:11-18; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31; JOHN 10:25-29; JOHN 17:6; JOHN 6:37-

39; ROMANS 8:28-30. (40) ROMANS 11:5-8. (41) 2 TIMOTHY 1:9; EPHESIANS 1:4.

(42) ROMANS 6:17; ROMANS 8:2. (43) 2 TIMOTHY 2:24-25; ACTS 11:18. (44) JOHN 6:44; JOHN

6:65; PHILIPPIANS 1:29; EPHESIANS 2:8-9; MATTHEW 11:27; MATTHEW 16:17; ACTS 16:14.

Election

- The doctrine of election is found throughout the NT.

To the **saints** who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ...Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as **he chose us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love **he predestined us for adoption** as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. (Ephesians 1:1, 3 – 6)

Election

In him we have obtained an inheritance, **having been predestined** according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

(Ephesians 1:11 - 12)

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and **as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.** (Acts 13:47 – 48)

Election

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those **whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son**, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he **predestined** he also **called**, and those whom he called he also **justified**, and those whom he justified he also **glorified**. (Romans 8:28 – 30)

Election

And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by **one man**, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had **done nothing either good or bad**--in order that God's **purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls**-- she was told, "The older will serve the younger." As it is written, "**Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.**" (Romans 9:10 -13)

Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The **elect** obtained it, but the rest were hardened, as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day. (Romans 11:7 -8)

Election

For we know, brothers loved by God, that **he has chosen** you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. (1 Thessalonians 1:4 – 5)

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because **God chose you** as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

Election

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, **who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace**, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, (2 Timothy 1:8 – 9)

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are **elect exiles** of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, (1 Peter 1:1)