



Systematic Theology Series
Doctrine of Predestination
(Are You a Calvinist?)

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Remonstrants vs. Calvinists

- Total depravity
- **Unconditional election**
- Limited atonement
- Irresistible grace
- Perseverance of the saints

Unconditional Election

Arminian: Election is based on God's foreknowledge. God "foresees" who will believe, and God therefore chooses them on this basis.

Calvinism: Election is based solely on God's good pleasure. God sovereignly chooses individuals for salvation based on nothing they will do or believe.

Unconditional Election

Romans 8:29-30

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.

Foreknew = Intimate Love

Deuteronomy 7:7

The LORD did not **set His love on you** nor **choose you** because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples...

Amos 3:2

You only have I chosen* among all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

God Knows His Elect Intimately

Exodus 33:12

Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people!' But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, '**I have known you by name**, and you have also found favor in My sight.'

Foreknew = Intimate Love

1 Peter 1:20

For **He was foreknown** before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you...

Romans 11:2a

God has not rejected **His people** whom **He foreknew**.

Unconditional Election

John 1:11-13

He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. **12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, **13** **who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

Unconditional Election

Romans 9:15-16

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 the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.