

“The Doctrines of Grace: Election/Choice”

Foreknowledge, Predestination, and Election: What Do These Words Mean and Where are They Found in the Bible?

I. What Do These Words Mean?

A) Foreknowledge

B) Predestination

“Predestination” means: “to Determine _____”

God’s selection beforehand does NOT negate the need for man to express faith – But it ensures that the person selected by God WILL come to faith!

Does the Bible say that God gave man free will? _____

Explain why God will not say and cannot say, “I will let man make a decision that I do not control:” (Cf. Isaiah 42:6-8) (I.E. Why can’t God delegate eternal control to man?)

If there is even one thing in the universe that God does NOT control, than God is NOT all-powerful; all sovereign; and all glorious!

C) Election and/or Choice

Why are both words listed together?

“elect/choose” is from the Greek word “eklegomai”

- “lego/legomai” means: “to speak, say, choose, or select”
- “ek” means: “out of”
- Therefore “eklegomai” means: “_____” or “_____”

Did God “select people” from among larger groups in the OT? _____ Give Examples:

Why did God select/elect/choose Jacob over Esau? (Rom. 9:11) Did it have anything to do with the works/faith of Jacob?

Was it right for God to select Jacob over Esau? _____

Is it right for God to select/choose/elect certain people over others for salvation? _____

No standard exists above God by which He must submit - because God Himself is the standard of that which is right!

Why can God select some over others according to Paul in Romans 9:14-24?

According to Ephesians 1:5,11 – upon what is God’s election based?

What would have happened to all people if God did not elect some? (cf. Rom. 3:10,11; 1 Cor. 1:18; 2:14; 2 Cor. 4:3,4; Eph. 2:1)

Why is it NOT a good idea to demand fairness from God? I.E. What do we all get if God is “fair” with us?

Before discussing God’s choice and predestination – what does Paul say God has blessed us with in Ephesians 1:3?

The Doctrines of Grace (Election, Predestination, etc.) display God’s unusual mercy and compassion on sinners. And yet – It is this act of grace that provokes many people to slander and accuse God as being unfair!?!?