

2010 BIBLICAL STUDY FOCUSING ON

DEATH - AFTERLIFE AND THE END TIME

Session #8

THE ELECT OF GOD

1 Peter 1:1-2 NIV

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To **God's ELECT**, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, **2 who have been chosen** according to the **FOREKNOWLEDGE** of **God the Father**, through the **sanctifying work of the Spirit**, for obedience to **Jesus Christ** and sprinkling **BY HIS BLOOD**: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

ELECTION

THE GRACIOUS AND FREE ACT OF GOD
BY WHICH HE CALLS THOSE
WHO BECOME PART OF HIS KINGDOM
AND SPECIAL BENEFICIARIES OF
HIS LOVE AND BLESSINGS

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ELECTION CHARACTERIZES GOD'S

LOVING - GRACIOUS - SAVING ACTIVITY

John 15:16 NKJ

"**YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME**, but **I CHOSE YOU** and **APPOINTED YOU** that **YOU SHOULD GO AND BEAR FRUIT**, and that **YOUR FRUIT SHOULD REMAIN**, that **WHATEVER** you ask the Father **IN MY NAME** HE MAY GIVE YOU.

WHAT IF

Rom 9:22-24 NIV

²²⁻**WHAT IF** God, choosing to **SHOW HIS WRATH** and **MAKE HIS POWER KNOWN**, bore with great patience the **objects of His wrath**-- prepared for destruction?

²³⁻**WHAT IF** He did this to make the riches of His glory known to the **OBJECTS OF HIS MERCY**, whom **HE PREPARED IN ADVANCE** for **GLORY**--

²⁴⁻**even us**, **WHOM HE ALSO CALLED**, not only from the **Jews** but **also** from the **Gentiles**?

THERE ARE TWO MAIN TRUTHS

WHICH MUST BE RECOGNIZED

IN REGARDS TO ELECTION

TRUTH #1 - GOD IS SOVEREIGN

HE CAN ACT AS HE WILLS

WITHOUT OUTSIDE PERMISSION

ANY LIMITATIONS ARE SELF-IMPOSED

Dan 4:35 NLT (*NEBUCHADNEZZAR*)

All the people of the earth are NOTHING COMPARED TO HIM. HE DOES AS HE PLEASES among the **ANGELS OF HEAVEN** and among the **PEOPLE OF THE EARTH**. NO ONE CAN STOP HIM or say to him, 'What do you mean by doing these things?'

Prov 16:4 NLT

THE LORD HAS MADE EVERYTHING FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES, even the **WICKED** for a DAY OF DISASTER.

Isa 45:9-13 NLT

9 "What **sorrow awaits those WHO ARGUE WITH THEIR CREATOR. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, 'Stop, you're doing it wrong!' Does the pot exclaim, 'How clumsy can you be?' **10** How terrible it would be if a newborn baby said to its father, 'Why was I born?' or if it said to its mother, 'Why **did you make me this way?**'" **11** This is what the LORD says—the Holy One of Israel and YOUR CREATOR: "**DO YOU QUESTION WHAT I DO FOR MY CHILDREN? DO YOU GIVE ME ORDERS ABOUT THE WORK OF MY HANDS? **12** I AM the one who MADE THE EARTH and CREATED PEOPLE to live on it. **WITH MY HANDS I STRETCHED OUT THE HEAVENS. ALL THE STARS ARE AT MY COMMAND. **13** I will raise up Cyrus to fulfill my righteous purpose, and I WILL GUIDE HIS ACTIONS. He will restore my city and free my captive people—without seeking a reward! **I, THE LORD OF HEAVEN'S ARMIES, HAVE SPOKEN!**"******

1 Tim 2:5 NKJ

For there is ONE GOD and ONE MEDIATOR between God and men, the **Man CHRIST JESUS**,

TRUTH #2 - MAN'S FREE WILL

GOD ELECTED TO GIVE MAN

THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE

BUT REMEMBER - THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES

CONNECTED WITH THE CHOICES

1 Cor 10:23 NKJ

**ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL FOR ME, BUT NOT all things are HELPFUL;
all things are lawful for me, BUT NOT all things EDIFY.**

Lev 22:29 NKJ

**"And when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it of
YOUR OWN FREE WILL.**

Josh 24:15 NKJ

**"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, CHOOSE FOR YOURSELVES
this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that
were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land
you dwell. BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD."**

Rev 3:20 NKJ (LAODICEA)

**"Behold, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK. If anyone hears My voice and OPENS
THE DOOR, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.**

**THE BIBLE DESCRIBES THE CONCEPT OF
"ELECTION"**

IN THREE DISTINCT WAYS

#1 - ELECTION OF ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

Deut 7:6 NKJ

"For you are a HOLY PEOPLE to the LORD your God; the LORD your GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU to be a PEOPLE FOR HIMSELF, a SPECIAL TREASURE ABOVE all the peoples on the face of the earth.

#2 - ELECTION OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS

FOR SPECIFIC TASKS (SAUL-PAUL)

Acts 9:15-16 NKJ

¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a CHOSEN VESSEL OF MINE to BEAR MY NAME before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. ¹⁶"For I will show him how many things HE MUST SUFFER FOR MY NAME'S SAKE."

THE CONCEPT OF "ELECTION"

#3 - ELECTION OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE CHILDREN OF GOD AND HEIRS OF SALVATION

Phil 2:13 NKJ

for it is GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU BOTH TO WILL and TO DO for His GOOD PLEASURE.

Eph 1:4-5 NKJ

⁴just as HE CHOSE US IN HIM BEFORE the FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, that we should be HOLY and WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE, ⁵having PREDESTINED us to ADOPTION AS SONS BY JESUS CHRIST TO HIMSELF, according to the GOOD PLEASURE of HIS WILL,

Eph 2:10 NKJ

For WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS for GOOD WORKS, which GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND that we should walk in them.

Rom 9:15-16 NKJ

¹⁵For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOMEVER I WILL HAVE MERCY, and I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOMEVER I WILL HAVE COMPASSION." ¹⁶So then IT IS NOT OF HIM WHO WILLS, NOR OF HIM WHO RUNS, BUT OF GOD WHO SHOWS MERCY.

MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE WITHOUT SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING HAVE ACCUSED GOD OF BEING UNFAIR

Rom 9:19-21 NKJ

¹⁹You will say to me then, "WHY DOES HE STILL FIND FAULT? For WHO HAS RESISTED HIS WILL?" ²⁰But indeed, O man, WHO ARE YOU TO REPLY AGAINST GOD? Will the THING FORMED say to HIM WHO FORMED it, "WHY HAVE YOU MADE ME LIKE THIS?" ²¹Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make ONE VESSEL FOR HONOR and ANOTHER FOR DISHONOR?

WITHOUT ELECTION

MAN WOULD HAVE NO HOPE OF SALVATION

Rom 3:11-12 NKJ

11 There is NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS; there is NONE WHO SEEKS AFTER GOD. 12 They have ALL TURNED ASIDE; they have TOGETHER BECOME UNPROFITABLE; there is NONE WHO DOES GOOD, NO, NOT ONE."

ELECTION IS GOD'S CHOICE

TO FULFILL HIS WILL

FOR THE GOOD OF MAN

Rom 8:28-33 NKJ

28 And we know that ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD to THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, to THOSE WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING to HIS PURPOSE. 29 For WHOM HE FOREKNEW, HE ALSO PREDESTINED to BE CONFORMED to the IMAGE OF HIS SON, that He might be the FIRSTBORN among MANY BRETHREN. 30 Moreover WHOM HE PREDESTINED, THESE HE ALSO CALLED; WHOM HE CALLED, THESE HE ALSO JUSTIFIED; and WHOM HE JUSTIFIED, THESE HE ALSO GLORIFIED. 31 What then shall we say to these things? IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but DELIVERED HIM UP FOR US ALL, how shall He not with Him also FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS? 33 WHO SHALL BRING A CHARGE AGAINST GOD'S ELECT? IT IS GOD WHO JUSTIFIES.
