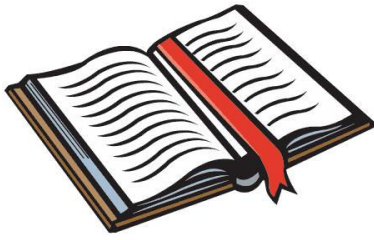


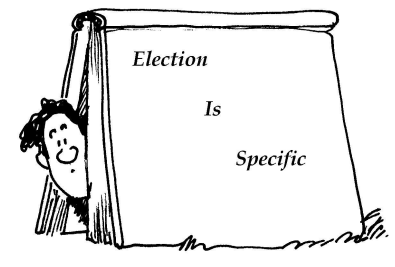
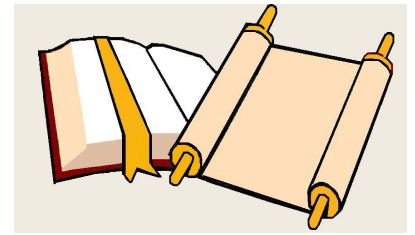
BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED -- ELECTION



The Bible talks about 'election': *We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. (1 Thessalonians 1:2-4)*

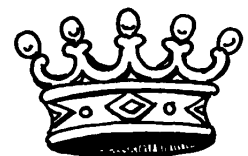
WHAT IS ELECTION? *It is that eternal act of God whereby He, in His sovereign good pleasure, and on account of no foreseen merit in them, chooses a certain number of persons to be the recipients of His special grace and eternal salvation.*

Election Is Scriptural. *"You did not choose Me but I chose you. . ." says Jesus. "As many as had been appointed to eternal life believed" reports Acts 13:48. "Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world . . ." declares Ephesians 1:4. You cannot read your Bible without being confronted with 'election'! It's there!!*

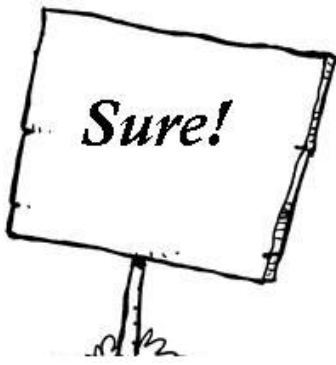


Election Is Specific. God chooses individuals for salvation. He knows them by name. He calls each one by name. *"I know whom I have chosen" (John 13:18). "The Lord knows those who are His." (2 Timothy 2:19).*

Election Is Sovereign. Ephesians 1:4-5 tells us that God *"chose us in Him before the foundation of the world . . . according to the good pleasure of His will."* It is a sovereign act of God and hence it is absolutely unconditional. God



did not elect us because there is something good in us. God did not choose us because we have faith and good works. Rather, He chose us because He loves us and He loves us because he chose to love us!



Election Is Sure. "Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified." (Romans 8:30) The message is this: **The elect will be called, the elect will be justified and the elect will be glorified!** No one and no thing can thwart the plan of God!

What is the attitude of your heart towards this doctrine of *election*?

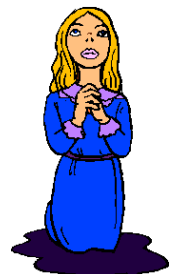
Since the Fall in **Genesis 3**, man has always longed to be God, always imagined that he is God, always believed that he is the master of his own destiny. And so he utterly hates to be told the truth that God is God and that God decides what will happen and that man's salvation ultimately depends on God!

Sinners hate this truth and raise their fist in defiance and anger at God whenever the doctrine of *election* is being proclaimed. Yet, no matter how deep is that hatred and how loud is the denial, the truth remains that God elects certain people to be saved, that God is God. Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, your attitude towards this doctrine will clearly reveal your true spiritual state. A true child of God, properly instructed in the Scriptures, will not raise his fist in anger towards God concerning *election*. He will bend his knees and bow his head in worship and adoration of this *electing* God, who has chosen him in love before the foundation of this world to obtain salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.



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Which Will Be Your Response
To The Doctrine of Election?



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