

Electing Grace

Understanding God's Sovereign choice in Salvation of man

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Romans 11:5

Even so then at this present time
also there is a remnant according
to the
Election of Grace

Introduction:

- Romans 11 talks about the role of Israel in God's plan of salvation.
- Paul emphasizes God's unfailing promise.
- The central concept of this chapter is God's electing grace.
- Our focus is in Romans 11:5 in light of 5 truths.

Our objective is to provide a contextual and expository overview that focuses on the Election of grace in Romans 11:5 and to apply this knowledge of grace into our lives.

Main points

- 1.Divine Foreknowledge
- 2.The Reserved People
- 3.The Election of Grace
- 4.Acknowledging God's grace
- 5.Addressing misrepresentations

1.Divine Foreknowledge

Rom.11:2- God hath not cast away His people which He foreknew...

- The Greek word “proginosko” - means to know beforehand.
- Divine Foreknowledge is the basis of election to salvation
1Peter 1:2 “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God”.
- Those who believe in libertarian freewill doctrine defined the foreknowledge of God merely as advance knowledge of a person’s choice, which is wrong by biblical standpoint.
- What is Biblical Divine foreknowledge? (continue...)

Biblical Divine foreknowledge:

- It is a foreknowledge of PERSON, and it is not the person's choice and action that is known beforehand; however, the choice and action will follow as fruits.

Rom.11:2–” PEOPLE which He (God) foreknew.

2Timothy 2:19; Amos 3:2; Jer.1:5; John 10:27– contrast
Matt.7:21–23

- It isn't a callous, desensitized knowledge beforehand but rather a foreknowledge of an intimate expression of God's love, like Adam, who knew his wife (Gen.4:1).

– Jer.31:3; Eph.1:4; 2Thess.2:13; 1John4:19 compare John 3:16.

Biblical Divine foreknowledge:

- Is the Eternal Omniscient Knowledge of God in determining His eternal purpose in all of His creation.
 - Acts 15:18; Isa. 14:24,26-27; 41:22-23; 44:7; 46:9-10; Acts 2:23; Eph. 1:10-11.

2. The Reserved People:

- ❑ Election is God's reservation of certain number people to Himself.
-verse 4- "I have reserved to Myself"...7,000 (1King 19:18). Verse 5- Even in our present time...
- ❑ God's act of reserving a certain number of people implies man left alone to himself will naturally abhor God, being totally depraved before God
- John 3:19; 5:40,42; 6:36-37; 8: 34, 46-47; 15:19.
- ❑ This necessitates an action done by God to set aside an exact number of people in order to follow and serve Him.
-Psa.4:3; 65:4; Isaiah 43:7 - contrast to people in 2Thess.2:9-12;
Psa.81:11- 12.
- ❑ This necessitates the purpose of God's electing grace.
 - to believe and follow- Christ 1Thess.1:4-5;Acts 13:48
 - to live in holiness- Eph.1:4;Col.3:12

3. The election of Grace.

- Verse 5-" a remnant ACCORDING to the Election of Grace.
- Grace is the unmerited favor of God towards unworthy, spiritually dead sinners - Eph2:1-5.
- Grace and work cannot coexist in salvation- Romans 4:4; 11:6. Tit.3:5
- Grace requires no condition, and election to salvation is of grace; therefore, election is an unconditional act of God.
 - Rom.9:11;16; 2Tim.1:9, Eph.1:10-11; 2:8-10.

4. Acknowledging God's Grace.

- ❖ If not by God's sovereign grace, we would not be here today serving Him.
-1Cor.15:10; 1Pet.2:9;Rom.11:29
- ❖ It humbles us to know that we contribute nothing to our salvation but sin, and yet God has set us aside beforehand to be one of His children.
-Eph.2:3-5; 1Tim.1:12-16
- ❖ Our life's main reason of thanksgiving.
- Psa.26:7-8; 2Cor.4:15; 2Thess.1:3; 2:13.

5. Addressing Misrepresentations:

1. A RECENT INVENTED DOCTRINE

Answer: This an OT and NT scriptures doctrine as we presented above.

Early Christians also taught this:

Clement of Rome (A.D 30-100)- Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians chap.2- “Day and Night ye were anxious for the whole brotherhood, that the number of God’s elect might be saved with mercy and a good conscience. (Philip Schaff’s Apostolic Fathers Vol.1 page 8.)

Ignatius (AD 30-107) Epistle to the Ephesians-... “predestinated before the beginning of time that it should be always for an enduring and unchangeable glory, being united, and elected through the true passion by the will of the Father, and Jesus Christ, our God. (Philip Schaff’s Apostolic Fathers Vol.1 page 81.).

2. PARTIALITY/BIASNESS/RESPECTER OF PERSON (ROM.2:11)

Answer: Partiality is dependent on the person’s condition, while election to salvation is unconditional and is not dependent on the disposition of the one that is chosen. (James 2:2-5).

5. Addressing Misrepresentations:

3. INJUSTICE

Answer : JUSTICE demands fairness and we are all guilty sinners before God (Psa.14:2;eccl.7:20), and the justice of God says " the wages of sin is death" (Rom.6:23). The reason why election is the unconditional manifestation of God's love, mercy and grace. (Rom.9:16; Jer.31:3, 1John 4:19: Eph.1:4).

4. ANTI GREAT COMMISSION:

Answer: On the contrary, it motivates us to go and preach to the regions beyond, knowing that are elect of God who will believe the Gospel of salvation. (2Tim.2:9-10).

5. NULLIFY YOUR TRUE FAITH AND SERVICE TO GOD

Answer: Christ said NO! read John 6:37-Acts 13:48.

6. DOUBLE PREDESTINATION- means there are chosen to salvation and there are chosen to damnation.

Answer: No! there is only one single Election and that is to Salvation however double in effect as others being left under the dominion of sin (John 8:34), and loving sin (John 3:19).

John 15:19 Christ said: " I have chosen you OUT of the world, therefore the world hateth you (KJV).

That' all for now, thank you and God bless you.

QUESTIONS?