

“THIS I KNOW!”



Part 1: “Election: God’s Sovereign Choice!”

Romans 8:28-30, 9:6-24, 10:11-13

Introduction: Many people believe in a sovereign God, yet have difficulty believing in predestination ... but the two go together!

All whom God has chosen are predestined to be saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ!

I. God’s will in “election” ...

Romans 8:28 does NOT say that God works all things for good for everybody, but for those who love God and who are called according to His purpose!

Romans 8:29-30: “Those whom He foreknew He also predestined ... and those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.”

God’s will is that every person whom He “foreknew” will be conformed to the image of Jesus, will be “glorified.”

Romans 8:31-39: “... Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect ?” (vs. 33).

Romans 9:18: “So then He has mercy on whomever He wills, and He hardens whomever He wills.”

Romans 9:19-24 ... God’s will in election is this: to save SOME, based not on our “free will” but upon HIS !!

God’s “foreknowledge” and thus His “predestining” some to eternal life is based on HIS will, HIS choice.

Repentance and faith are the result of God’s work in believers, not the cause of it.

God has the right to make a sovereign choice!

II. God’s purpose in election ...

Romans 9:10-13: “... in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works, but because of Him who calls” (vs. 11).

Romans 9:22-23 ... God’s purpose in election is to reveal His character in its fullness to those whom He chooses to receive salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-14: “... to the praise of His glorious grace” (vs. 6) ... “... to the praise of His glory” (vss. 12, 14).

The only way God can be sure that His elect will be saved is if He “predestines” them to be saved.

John 6:37,44: “All that the Father gives Me WILL come to me” ... “No one comes to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him.”

God’s purpose is fulfilled in His choosing some and not others and it is His right to do so for His glory and the joy of those He chooses.

III. God’s plan in election ...

All whom God has chosen are predestined to be saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ!

Each step of your salvation is planned by GOD ... including YOUR choice of believing in Jesus!

God’s plan is to use His Word and Spirit to effectually call and to regenerate those whom He has chosen.

Romans 10:11-13: “... everyone who calls on the name of the Lord WILL BE saved” (vs. 13).

Romans 10:14-17: “So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ !”

Who hears God’s Word and believes? Those who are born again by God’s Spirit.

Who are these who are born again by the Spirit? Those whom God chose before the world began and predestined in love to be HIS!

And who is it that truly loves God? (Romans 8:28). “WE love because He first loved US !” (I John 4:19).