

THE ELECT

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I. Introduction

The local church is made up of God's covenanted people (**Psalm 89:3**), which is the elect (**1 Peter 5:13**). We see that the mystery of God is revealed to the elect (**Ephesians 1:4**). We see that the elect will be resurrected in the last days (**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**). So who are the elect?

II. The Elect are referred to as:

- A. Called of God:
 - 1. **Matthew 20:16** “for many be called, but few chosen”
 - 2. **Matthew 22:14** “for many are called, but few are chosen”
 - 3. **Romans 8:30** “whom he did predestinate, whom he also called; whom he called, them he also justified”
 - 4. **Revelations 17:14** “they that are with him are called and chosen, and faithful”
- B. Beloved of the Father:
 - 1. **Psalm 106:5** “that I might see the good of thy chosen”
 - 2. **Psalm 135:4** “and Israel for his peculiar treasure”
 - 3. **Isaiah 65:22** “and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hand”
 - 4. **Isaiah 65:9** “I will bring forth a seed out of Judah.... an inheritor of my mountains, and mine elect shall inherit it and my servant's shall dwell there”
 - 5. **Romans 11:28** “but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sake”
- C. The Elect: choose, chosen one, elect
 - 1. **Matthew 24:22** “but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened”
 - 2. **Matthew 24:31** “they shall gather together his elect from the four winds”
 - 3. **Luke 18:7** “and shall not God avenge his own elect”
 - 4. **Roman 8:33** “who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect”
 - 5. **Colossians 3:12** “put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind...”
 - 6. **Titus 1:1** “according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth”
 - 7. **2 Timothy 2:10** “therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, ...”
- D. The Chosen: acceptable, appoint, chosen, excellent, select
 - 1. **Numbers 16:5** “Even to morrow the Lord will shew who are his.... even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him”
 - 2. **Psalm 89:3** “I have made a covenant with my chosen”
 - 3. **Mark 13:20** “... but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen...”
 - 4. **John 15:16** “ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordain you...”
 - 5. **John 15:19** “...but I have chosen you out of the world...”
 - 6. **Acts 22:14** “the God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldst know his will...”
 - 7. **Ephesians 1:4** “according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world”
- E. The Predestined: predetermine, determined, ordain, predestinated
 - 1. **Romans 8:29** “for whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son.”
 - 2. **Ephesians 1:5** “having predestinated us unto the adoption of his son”
 - 3. **Ephesians 1:11** “being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things...”
 - 4. **2 Thessalonians 2:13** “because God hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification”
- F. The Foreknown: foreknow (ordain), know (before hand)
 - 1. **Romans 8:29** “for whom he did foreknow he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son”
 - 2. **Romans 11:2** “God hast not cast away his people which he foreknew”
 - 3. **1 Peter 1:2** “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the father through sanctification”

III. The Elect was Israel

- 1. **Deuteronomy 7:6** “the Lord God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself”
- 2. **Deuteronomy 14:2** “thou art a holy people... and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself”
- 3. **1 Chronicles 16:13** “ye seed of Israel his servant ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones”
- 4. **Isaiah 43:10** “ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen”
- 5. **Isaiah 44:1** “... and Israel whom I have chosen...”
- 6. **Isaiah 45:4** “...and Israel mine elect...”

IV. The Elect is All Those with a Heart for God

A. Remnant of Israel:

1. Israel was the chosen people of God, but NOT all Israel had the heart for God, so Israel continued to sin. **Romans 9:6** “for they are not all Israel, which are of Israel”
2. **Psalm 78:31-32** “The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them and smote down the chosen men of Israel. For all this they sinned still and believed not for his wondrous works.”
3. **Romans 11:7** “Israel (the nation) hath not obtained that which he seemeth for; but the election hath obtained it; and the rest were blinded”
4. **Romans 2:17-29** We find Paul brings up the fact that the Gentiles who were not the chosen of God yet obtained the things of God by their faith, and the Jews the chosen of God did not obtain the things of God by their lack of faith. This is done because the Gentiles are circumcised of the heart.
5. **Romans 11:13-25** We find Paul explains who the chosen people of God now is. Paul says, “God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew” (**Romans 11:2**). So God has taken the chosen of the Gentiles and engrafted them into the remnant of true Israel to make a new people, a people elected and chosen of God both Jews and Gentiles.

B. Jesus came out of the Chosen Israel. Jesus Christ is the Elect:

1. **Isaiah 42:1** “beloved my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect in whom my soul delighteth”
2. **1 Peter 2:6** “behold I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elected and precious, and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded”
3. **Matthew 12:18** “behold my servant whom I have chosenhe shall shew judgment to the Gentiles”
4. **Luke 23:35** “let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God”

C. The Elect is Those of Church:

1. **Romans 11:7** “but the election hath obtained it...”
2. **1 Peter 5:13** “the church that is at Babylon, elected together with you..”
3. **2 John 1** “the elder unto the elect lady and her children....”
4. **2 John 13** “the children of thy elect sister greet thee...”

V. Doctrine of Election

- A. The idea of or concept that God has chosen people before the beginning of the world, who would walk with faith in God, to live faithfully, and be a part of his body (the Church), is the doctrine of election. Only by grace have the Gentiles been allowed to become part of the body of Christ and number with the chosen of God. For many are called but few are chosen. These people cannot be all the saved people, for not everyone that is saved is apart of the body.
- B. Doctrine of Election: (Review **Romans 9-10**)
 1. **Romans 9:11** “that the purpose of God according to election...”
 2. **Romans 11:5** “there is a remnant according to the election of grace...”

VI. Closing

1. **1 Peter 2:9** “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people...”
2. **Jeremiah 33:20-21** “If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night...then may also my covenant be broken with David....”
3. **Hebrew 6:4-6** “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come. If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God a fresh, and put him to an open shame.”
4. **2 Peter 1:10** “Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things ye shall never fall.”
5. **Romans 6:11-12** “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.”
6. **2 Timothy 2:10** “therefore I endure all things for the elect’s sakes, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”