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WORD#3: ELECTION

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Supply the missing words as you watch the teaching video.

1. When we look at God's salvation and various aspects of it, it is important that our hearts be _____, _____, and _____.
2. God chose _____ corporately as the channel through which He would send His three greatest gifts: the _____, His _____, and the Holy _____.
3. There were some _____ — not part of the elect (Israel) — who became _____ when they came into Israel. Examples: _____ and _____.
4. We are to read _____ what the Scripture says: "*You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you...that ye should _____.*" (Jn 15:16)
5. Even those who seem to be "_____ " must have their personal strengths _____ if they are to _____ on the Lord and bring _____ to Him.

DIGGING DEEPER

Election, *eklektos*: from *ek*, "out from and to" and *légō*, "speaking to a conclusion"; properly, selection out of and to a given outcome; *eklogé* occurs seven times in the Greek NT. The cognate verb *eklégomai* ("select, choose out") occurs 22 times.

Note carefully **who** is elected in these verses and **to what** purpose:

Isa 42:1

How does Hebrew parallelism help us here in determining the purpose of Christ's choosing?

1 Tim 5:21

Rom 11:28

Jn 15:16

Jn 6:70

Are any of the groups mentioned above stated to be elected (or chosen) to be saved?

More questions on pg 2



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MORE DIGGING REQUIRED

“Whosoever’ means whosoever. Only a biased theologian with an ax to grind could ever think that it meant only the elect.”

— Harry Ironside

Now read Ephesians 1:4 and answer the following questions:

Who is chosen? _____

What is the place (or sphere) of their choosing? _____

What is the “time” of this choosing? _____

What is the purpose of the choosing? _____

Do the words “before Him” have OT resonance? Note, for example, Ex 29:11, 23, 24, 25, 26, 42.

Note: The word used in 2 Thessalonians 2:13 is different, *haireomai*, meaning to take for oneself, and in context seems to mean that we are to be saved out of this world before God’s wrath falls (see also Romans 5:9).

In Acts 13:48, the word “appointed” or “ordained” is not the usual word. It is *tasso*, which has the idea of being *in line*, or *arranged*. Surely it doesn’t mean that all who were going to be saved in that city were all saved at that time. I believe it has the idea that these were the ones ripe for harvesting.

Do you notice a pattern of God’s choice of Israel over the other nations (Deut 7:7), of Abel over Cain, of Isaac over Ishmael, of Jacob over Esau, of Judah over Reuben, of David over his brothers, as well as Christ over Adam? In your life, what does it mean that the “elder” serves the “younger”?

Now what is your definition of election? _____

ELECTION: “God (for reasons explained in 1 Corinthians 1 & 2 where He declares the surprising basis of His choice), in blessing mankind, sets to one side all firsts and chooses those without legal claim that the plan might be based solely on grace.” The word is used to describe the divine choice of: Christ (Isa 42:1; Lk 23:35; 1 Pet 2:6); angels (1 Tim 5:21); Israel (Rom 11:28); the twelve—including Judas (Lk 6:13; Jn 6:70; 13:18; 15:16); the Church (Eph 1:4); and the remnant in the Tribulation (Mt 24:22, 24). It should be seen that this election is for a role, designed to bring blessing to the widest possible number. In this age, the sphere of the believer’s choosing is in Christ (Eph 1:4) and is linked to God’s foreknowledge (1 Pet 1:2). See also Jas 2:5; Col 3:12; 1 Thess 1:4; and 2 Pet 1:10. This principle is beautifully seen in Hannah’s prayer (1 Sam 2) and the Magnificat (Lk 1).



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SOME HELPFUL QUOTATIONS...

"Nowhere in the Bible is Election connected with the salvation or the damnation of a human soul...The most important phase of Election pertains to service...It has to do with service. It is God's elect who serve Him" (*Telford, pp. 55-56*)

"Eklogé election...and the kindred words, to choose, and chosen or elect, are used of God's selection of men or agencies for special missions or attainments; but neither here (1 Thess 1:4) nor elsewhere in the NT is there any warrant for the revolting doctrine that God has predestined a definite number of mankind to eternal life, and the rest to eternal destruction." (*Vincent, Vol. IV, p. 16*)

"A proper understanding of the NT doctrine of election in Christ will dispel the sombre and frightening mists of post-Reformation theories

"In the teaching of the New Testament the Church is the elect, and the Church consists of those who have yielded themselves to the power of Christ, and to His obedience... The Church is elect because it is the company of the elect... Everyone who belonged to the fellowship of the Christian Church was thought of as elect." (*Rowley, pp. 168-170*)

"'Whosoever' means whosoever. Only a biased theologian with an ax to grind could ever think that it meant only the elect." (*Ironside, p. 35*)

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about predestination, double predestination, reprobation and the rest of the lingering errors of medievalism...Election refers to God's purpose in this world...In the NT, as in the OT, election is a matter of service, not of privilege." (*Richardson, pp. 274-275*)

"The pre-eminent thought in Election is rank and privilege, not deliverance from damnation or eternal torment." (*Telford, p. 48*)

"To say that God has chosen or elected some to be lost, would limit the atonement of Christ. That is one of the duties of the devil to try to limit the work of Christ on the Cross." (*Telford, p. 50*)

"Romans 9 is the lynchpin in their case for determinism in salvation. By examining this passage in the light of its context and the many Old Testament passages Paul quoted in their contexts, no case remains for the unconditional election of individuals." (*Olson, p. 346*)



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SOME MORE HELPFUL QUOTES

“In our consideration of Christ as God’s elect, chosen and beloved, we have the key to understanding our election. Christ is the chosen of God and we are chosen in Him. Christ is the beloved of God and we are accepted in the Beloved.” (Parkinson, p. 30)

“We are chosen in Christ. This does not mean that we were chosen to be put into Christ... It means that as we repented and were born again

into the body of Christ, we partake of His chosenness. He is chosen and we are chosen in Him. This was, of course, planned by God in His foreknowledge even before the world began.” (Forster & Marston, p. 97)

“It is only when individuals come into the church by simple faith in Christ that they become part of God’s elect. Election is not to go anywhere, either heaven or hell, but to **be** something and to fulfill a mission and perform a task.” (McClurkin, p. 40)

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- On the question, Is God Partial?: <http://www.uplook.org/2016/10/is-god-partial/>
- On 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14: <http://www.uplook.org/2017/04/chosen-for-salvation/>
- All the Father gives Me: <http://www.uplook.org/2016/01/great-transition-johns-gospel-2/>
- Not My sheep: <http://www.uplook.org/2016/01/the-great-transition-in-johns-gospel-3/>
- On Israel’s blinding: <http://www.uplook.org/2016/01/great-transition-johns-gospel-4/>
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