

“Therefore:” The Logical Lifestyle of a Hopeful Minority
We Believe in the Father’s Election

Ephesians 1:3–6
(Page 976 in Chair Bible)
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Election is an act of God before creation in which he chooses some people to be saved, not on account of any foreseen merit in them, but only because of his sovereign good pleasure.

–Wayne Grudem (1994)

Those of mankind that are predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, has chosen, in Christ, unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love, without any foresight of faith, or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving Him thereunto; and all to the praise of His glorious grace.

–Westminster Confession (1646) and Second London Baptist Confession (1689)

Predestination to life is the everlasting purpose of God, whereby (before the foundations of the world were laid) he hath constantly decreed by his counsel secret to us, to deliver from curse and damnation those whom he hath chosen in Christ out of mankind, and to bring them by Christ to everlasting salvation...

–Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England (1562)

Q1: How long has the Father loved you?

A1: Since before the _____ of the world!

Q2: How has God loved you?

A2: By united you to his Son! Because of my union to Christ:

1. I _____ what he _____.
2. I _____ where he _____.
3. I _____ what he _____.

Q3: Why has the Father loved you?

A3: For his own _____!