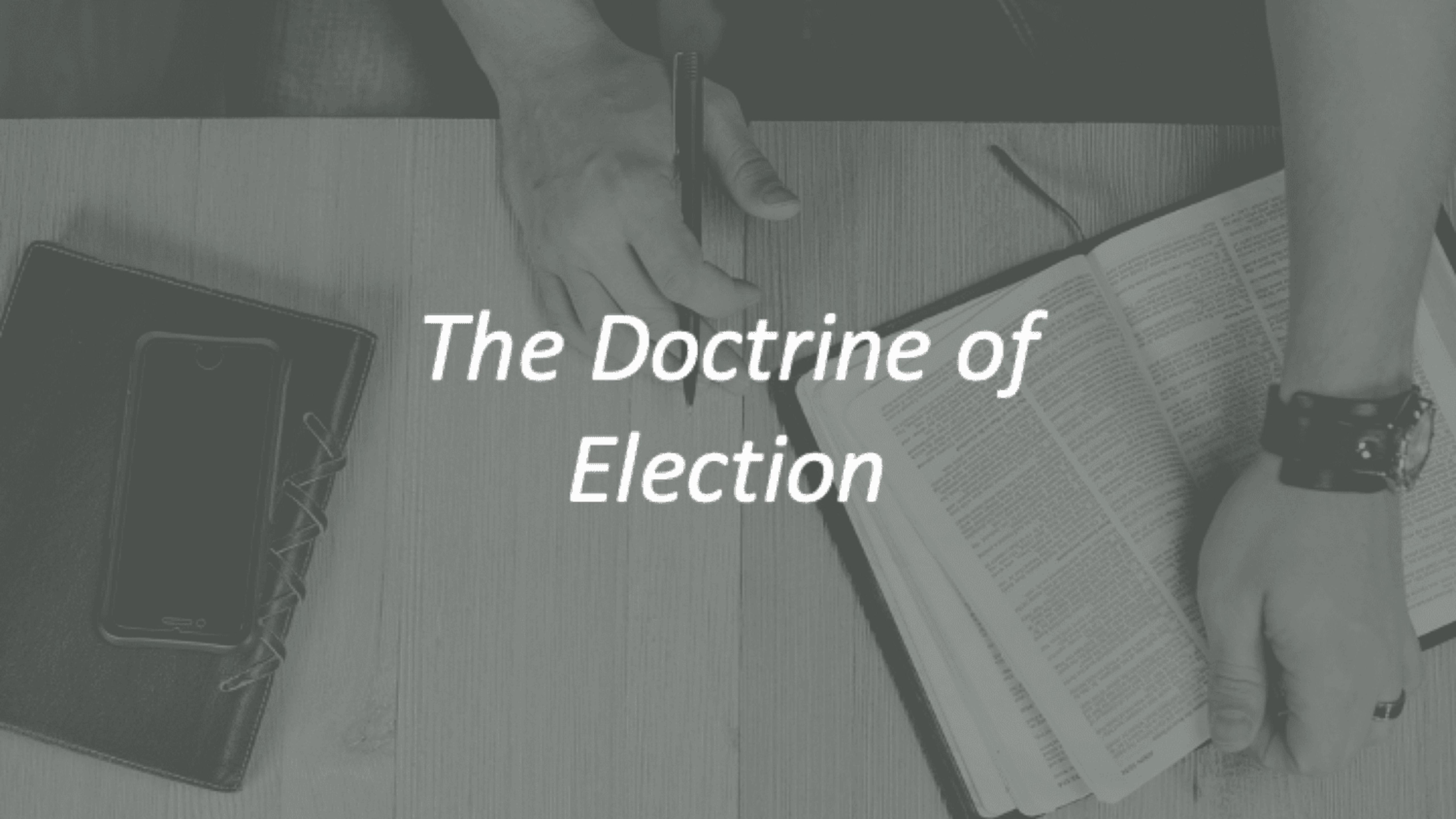


DEEPER THINGS

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The Doctrine of Election

Election

Definition

God's sovereign act of choosing a people for Himself before the foundation of the World, accomplished in and through Jesus Christ, and received by grace through faith.

God's Sovereignty

What does Scripture Say?

God has sovereignly chosen to save a people for Himself. This choice was made before creation and is rooted entirely in His grace, not human accomplishment.

Key Scriptures: Ephesians 1:4-5, Romans 8:29-30, Acts 13:48, John 6:44



Human Responsibility

What does Scripture Say?

God genuinely invites all people to come to Christ. The gospel call is real, and people are truly responsible to respond in faith.

Key Scriptures: John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:9, Revelation 22:17, Acts 17:30



“Corporate” Election

What does it mean that we are elected “In Christ”?

Election is not about you, but about Jesus. God chose to have a whole people “In Christ.” The Church is God’s chosen people because the head of the Church is Christ, the “Elect One”

Biblical Evidence: Ephesians 1:3-14, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Romans 9-11



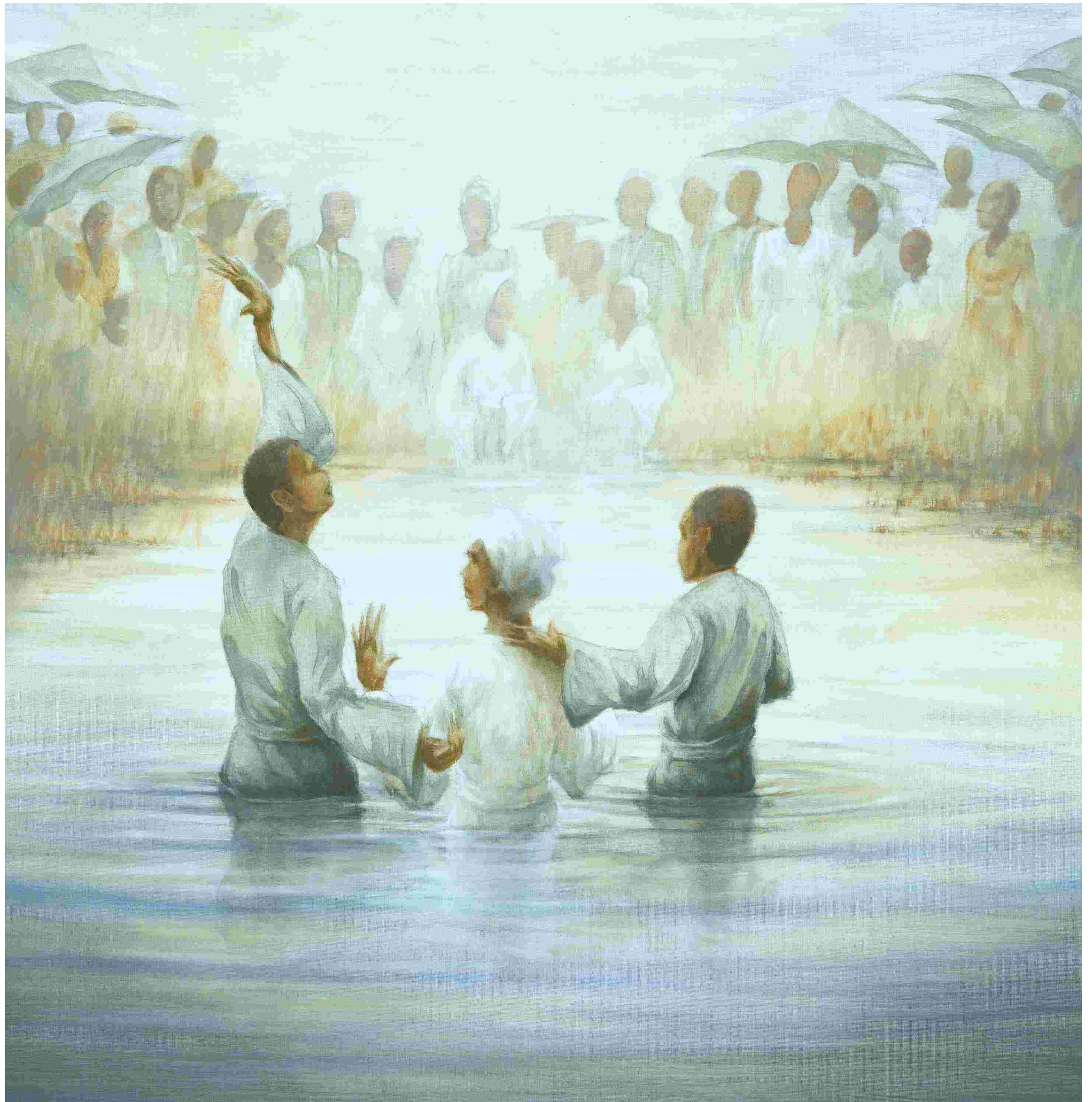
“Individual” Election

How does God call individuals?

God calls individuals...

- **Effectually:** God's grace ensures that His call is effective in our lives.
- **Personally:** God knows and therefore calls each person by name.
- **Through Faith:** Our faith in Christ, not our work, is evidence of God's call.

Biblical Evidence: Biblical Evidence:
Romans 8:28-30, 2 Thessalonians
2:13-14, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31



Why Does Election Matter

- 1. Humility:** Election reminds us that salvation is entirely by grace, not our merit or ability, meaning we have nothing to brag about.
- 2. Assurance:** Election provides unshakable confidence that if God chose us before time began, nothing can separate us from His love.
- 3. Perseverance:** Election gives us peace knowing that God will complete in us what He started with our salvation.

Reflection

Take this time to respond to the lesson in prayer. Think specifically about the fact that if you are in Christ, you are part of God's Chosen People.