

INTRO TO
CALVINISM

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THE 5 POINTS OF THE REMONSTRANTS.

- **1: God elects on the basis of foreseen faith.**
- **2: Christ died for everybody, but only those who believe are saved.**
- **3: Man in his sin requires the assistance of grace to believe or obey.**
- **4: This grace may be resisted.**
- **5: Final salvation is uncertain.**

THE FIVE POINTS OF CALVINISM (T.U.L.I.P.)

- **1: Total Depravity/Total Inability.**
- **2: Unconditional Election.**
- **3: Limited Atonement/Particular Atonement.**
- **4: Irresistible Grace/Effectual Calling.**
- **5: Perseverance of the Saints.**

WHAT ABOUT ELECTION?

ELECTION & THE BIBLE

“The doctrine of election is the product of divine revelation, not of human speculation. It was not invented by Calvin of Geneva or Augustine of Hippo. It is above all else a biblical doctrine and no biblical Christian can ignore it.”

John Stott

MICHAEL HORTON

“It is impossible to read the Bible without recognizing God’s freedom to choose some and not others—and the fact that he does in fact exercise that right.” Horton



**The verb elect means “to select, or choose out.”
The biblical doctrine of election is that before
Creation God selected out of the human race,
foreseen as fallen, those whom he would redeem,
bring to faith, justify, and glorify in and through
Jesus Christ**

—J. I Packer

THE REMONSTRANTS

God's choice of certain individuals for salvation before the foundation of the world was based upon His foreseeing that they would respond to His call. He selected only those whom He knew would of themselves freely believe the gospel. Election therefore was determined by, or conditioned upon, what man would do. The faith which God foresaw, and upon which He based His choice, was not given the sinner (it was not created by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit), but resulted solely from man's will.. Thus, the sinner's choice of Christ, not God's choice of the sinner, is the ultimate cause of salvation.

THE CANONS OF DORT, ARTICLE 7

Election is God's unchangeable purpose by which he did the following: Before the foundation of the world, by sheer grace, according to the free good pleasure of his will, God chose in Christ to salvation a definite number of particular people out of the entire human race, which had fallen by its own fault from its original innocence into sin and ruin. Those chosen were neither better nor more deserving than the others, but lay with them in the common misery. God did this in Christ, whom he also appointed from eternity to be the mediator, the head of all those chosen, and the foundation of their salvation.

“The doctrine of election declares that God, before the foundation of the world, chose certain individuals from among the fallen members of Adam’s race to be the objects of His undeserved favor. These, and these only, He purposed to save. God could have chose to save all men (for He had the power and authority to do so) or He could have chose to save none (for He was under no obligation to show mercy to any)-but He did neither, Instead, He chose to save some and to exclude others. His eternal choice or particular sinners for salvation was not based upon any foreseen act or response on the part of those selected, but was based solely on His own good pleasure and sovereign will. Thus election was not determined by, or conditioned upon, anything that men would do, but resulted entirely from God’s self-determined purpose”

2 TIMOTHY 1:8-9

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

COVENANT OF REDEMPTION

“In this covenant, before the world was even made, God the Father gave a people to his Son, chosen “in him before the foundations of the world”. It was then that he “predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ...The Holy Spirit is also a party to this agreement, for the Father and the Son agreed to send the Spirit into the world to bear witness to Christ...The Spirit will be the Author of regeneration who sets God’s people free from sin. All the Spirit does for God’s people was planned before the foundation of the world.”

-John Stott, Systematic Theology

1 PETER 1:1-2

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

GENESIS 12:1-4

1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

DEUTERONOMY 7:7-8

7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

DEUTERONOMY 10:14-15

14 Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. 15 Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.

PSALM 33:12

**12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

MATTHEW 11:27

27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

ACTS 13:48

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

ROMANS 8:28-30

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

EPHESIANS 1:3-5

**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love
5 he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,**

ROMANS 9:10-16

10 And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad--in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls-- 12 she was told, "The older will serve the younger." 13 As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." 14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

CONCLUSION?

- **God does not elect on the basis of foreseen faith.**
- **God's choice in election is not based upon the merits of those he chooses.**
- **God' election of particular people unto salvation is unconditional, and is an expression of His sovereign and free grace.**

COMMON OBJECTIONS

It's not fair.

Why wouldn't God choose all people?

I thought God wanted all people to be saved?

DOXOLOGY & DISCIPLESHIP

Q: What questions do you have about Unconditional Election?

Q: How can the doctrine of Unconditional Election lead us to worship God?

Q: How does the doctrine of Unconditional Election affect our discipleship?

