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PAUL'S LETTER TO THE
Romans

God's Elect

Romans 8: 29-33

The Theme is Election

- He longs for our salvation- John 3:16
- He rejoices when His children move on from this life-
Ps. 116:15
- He is not willing that any should perish- 2 Pt. 3:9
- He takes pleasure in His people- Ps. 149:4
- And finally, He inhabits the praises of His people- Ps. 22:3
- The interpretation will be determined by whether or not we believe in free-will.
- It has split the conversation of salvation into two major groups.

Think about the following questions for the sake of context

- 1. What is foreknowledge?
- 2. What is ELECTION?
- 3. What is predestination?
- 4. Is ELECTION unconditional or is it determined by our response to the Gospel message?
- 5. Does God want everyone to be saved?
- 6. Does the Bible teach free-will?
- 7. For whom did Jesus die?
- 8. Is the Sovereignty of God somehow violated by the belief in free-will? If not, how do we reconcile both together?

My points are:

- 1. God Chose His ELECT In Advance – V.29
- 2. God Set Forth A Destiny For His ELECT – V.29
- 3. At The Appointed Time, He Called His ELECT – V.30
- 4. He Declares His ELECT Righteous – V.30
- 5. Lastly, He Glorifies His ELECT – V.30

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- **Point #1. God Chose His ELECT In Advance**

- We learn that God has a unique ability to see the end from the beginning.
- **FOREKNOWLEDGE:** It means to know beforehand; to know in advance.
- It does not reveal how we are saved – only that God knew beforehand who would be.

What is election?

- ELECTION is a word that refers to those who would be saved. It is the position a believer is granted, as a choosing by God through His Son.
 - ELECTION is a provision received in Christ.
 - IS ELECTION AN ARBITRARY DECISION ON THE PART OF GOD OR, IS IT DETERMINED BY OUR WILLFUL CHOICE TO PUT OUR TRUST IN JESUS???
- Does the Bible teach free-will??
 - I believe ELECTION is defined as God choosing us in Christ because He knew we would receive Him.
 - Ezekiel 33:11

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- **Point #2. God Set Forth A Destiny For His ELECT.**
 - ELECTION has to do with choosing
 - PREDESTINATION has to do with WHAT future the ELECT will have.
 - ELECTION is about the person
 - Predestination is about the Destiny of that person
 - Romans 12:1-2, 1 Thess.4:3a, John 17:17, Hebrews 12:14
 - PREDESTINATION.....
 - Acts 4:27-28, Ephesians 1:4-5, Ephesians 1:7, Ephesians 1:11, Ephesians 1:13

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- **Point #3. At The Appointed Time, He Called The ELECT**
 - CALLED – kaléõ (kal-eh'-o).. “to bid; to call; and to invite, as by name
 - 1 Corinthians 1:9
 - His calling begins with an INVITATION
 - Acts 2:38
 - Matt.11:28
 - One day it is going to end with the words
 - Matt.25:23

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- **Point #4. He Declares His ELECT Righteous**
 - 2 Cor.5:21
 - Rom.5:1
 - Rom.3:24
 - Rom.4:6-8
 - Js.2:23-24

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- **Point #5. He Glorifies His ELECT**

- Because of what Jesus did, and our acceptance of His sacrifice, one day we will receive the full inheritance of our salvation.
- Did He die for everyone?
- 1 John 4:14, Isaiah 55:7, Revelation 22:17
- It comes down to choice.
- Luke 7:30..
- Does this somehow violate the sovereignty of God?
Absolutely not! It affirms it!