

ELECTION QUIZ

Name: _____

1. Define "election"

2. What is meant by the term "frozen chosen"?

3. What does T.U.L.I.P. stand for?

T _____ U _____ L _____ I _____ P _____

4. How would our culture answer the question, "Does God choose man or does man choose God?" How would you answer it?

Culture _____

You _____

5. Do you think that God chose you individually to be saved before He created the world? _____ If yes, do you think He did it based on the fact that He knew you would believe in Christ? _____

6. Do you believe that people are basically good or basically bad?

Explain. _____

7. What one passage comes to mind when you think about biblical support for election?

What one passage comes to mind when you think about biblical objections to election?

8. Do you think God cares most about preserving His own glory or man's free will? _____

Election – Week 1: Background & Introduction

- I. Election Pop Quiz
- II. Five Week Outline
 - a. Week 1 – Background & Introduction
 - b. Week 2 – The Doctrine of Election
 - c. Week 3 – The Doctrine of Reprobation
 - d. Week 4 – Common Objections and Misconceptions
 - e. Week 5 – Application & Life Examples
- III. Discussion of Pop Quiz and responses
 - a. What do you think of when you hear the term “election?”
 - b. What are cultural perceptions of “reformed Christianity”
 - c. What are the perceptions of “Presbyterian churches”
 - d. How does believing in election change the way you live?
 - e. How do you view people that don’t believe in election, or that attend churches that don’t teach election?
 - f. Why is the doctrine of election so seldom mentioned in our culture or taught in our churches?
 - g. Why do we care about election anyway? Why do we need to be saved?
- IV. Introduction – Paul’s heart for the Jews
 - a. Romans 9: 1-5
 - i. Paul has expounded the gospel of God for 8 chapters
 - ii. Paul wishes the he could be forsaken so that they could be saved
 - b. God’s heart for the lost
 - i. God proclaims the gospel, sending prophets to foretell his message
 - ii. God Himself comes and wishes He could be forsaken so that they could be saved, AND HE IS FORSAKEN.
 - c. Q: Do we have Paul’s love for the lost? Do we have God’s love for the lost?
 - i. List five people closest to you that do not know Christ. Do we earnestly believe that they are perishing? Do we wish to be accursed for their salvation?
 - d. Warning to the covenant family
 - i. It is possible to experience life within the church and still miss the gospel message
 - ii. Look into my own heart – Do I love God? Do I delight in His gospel?

Election – Week 2: The Doctrine of Election**1. Background – Why do we need to be saved?**

- a. TULIP – Total Depravity is our foundation
 - i. Genesis 3 – The Fall
 - ii. Romans 5:12 – Adam’s sin extended to all people
 - iii. Ephesians 2:1-2 – Dead in our transgressions
 - iv. Romans 6:6ff – Slaves to sin, must obey our master
 - v. Total Depravity – Not as bad as I possibly can be, but every aspect of my being is affected by sin and there is nothing inherent to me that desires to please God.
- b. TULIP – Why Unconditional election?
 - i. Founded in both God’s sovereignty and our depravity
 - ii. Our depravity – We can’t do it!
 1. If we are corrupt throughout and don’t desire to please God, how can we ever merit salvation?
 2. If we are slaves to sin and dead in our trespasses, how can dead slaves ever change their ways?
 3. Proverbs 15:8 is Catch 22 - The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but the prayer of the upright is His delight.
- c. God’s sovereignty – He must do it!
 - i. If it is up to man to choose God, then is He still sovereign?
 1. *Reformed* – focus on God’s glory
 2. *Armenian* – focus on man’s freedom
 - ii. If we “merit” or “earn” salvation and God is obligated to give it to us, is God still sovereign or is He only responding to our initiative?
 - iii. If God is free to choose, and we are that bad, why would He choose us?!

Short week because of Congregational Meeting – Additional material moved to week 3 notes.

Election – Week 3: The Doctrine of Election (Cont.)**1. Background – The T and U of TULIP**

- a) Total Depravity is our foundation
- b) Unconditional election is the gospel

2. Ordo Salutis – The Order of Salvation. Election is part of Salvation – which part? First, middle, last?

- a) Election (God's choice of people to be saved)
- b) The gospel call (proclaiming/hearing the message of the gospel)
- c) Regeneration (being born again)
- d) Conversion (faith and repentance)
- e) Justification (right legal standing)
- f) Adoption (membership in God's family)
- g) Sanctification (right conduct of life)
- h) Perseverance (remaining a Christian)
- i) Death (going to be with the Lord)
- j) Glorification (receiving a resurrection body)

3. Define election

- a) Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 10.1
 - i. All those whom God has predestined unto life... He is pleased...effectually to call... out of that state of sin and death...to grace and salvation, by Jesus Christ; yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.
 - 1. Football field analogy
- b) Grudem: Systematic Theology
 - i. 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.
 - 1. Formless foreknowledge

4. Scriptural Basis for Election

- a) Deuteronomy 7: 6-8
 - i. Why Israel? Not because of number or strength, but because of God's love He chose and redeemed
- b) Romans 9:6-9 – Why Isaac and not Ishmael?
- c) Romans 9:10-13 – Why Jacob and not Esau?
 - i. Romans 9:11 – So that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls
- d) Acts 13:48 – Who believed?
- e) Romans 8:28-30 – Whose freedom is preserved here?
- f) Ephesians 1:4-6 – When did God choose us?
- g) 1 Peter 1:1 – Is this a Pauline concept only?
- h) Rev. 13:7-8 – Who has the authority?

5. Next week: Reprobation and Objections

- a) Can we love a God that has not chosen someone we care about for eternal life?
- b) Can we believe a doctrine that seems contrary to our personal experience and the world around us?

Week 4a - Reprobation main points:

1. Do we love the lost?
2. Does God really choose some for destruction?
3. Is this choosing the same as His saving election?
4. How can I know if I am really saved?

Week 4b - Objection main points:

1. Not rejected because it's hidden in scripture, but because it's alien to our culture.
 - a. American heritage – Most concerned with man's freedom or God's glory?
2. 3 primary objectives raised and answered in Romans 9

Week 5 – Application main points:

1. Comfort and security
2. Worship
3. Encouragement to Evangelism

Election – Week 4: Election and Reprobation**1. Background**

- a. TULIP
- b. Ordo Salutis – Election is the foundation of salvation
- c. Definition - 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.
- d. The Rescuer

2. Scriptural Basis for Election

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3. Election – some difficult passages

- a. 1 Timothy 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9, John 3:16
- b. Does God have a desire that He cannot fulfill?
- c. NO, it's a desire that He chooses not to fulfill – But let's focus on the desire rather than the fulfillment

4. Election and the Lost – the Heart of God

- a. Myriad examples from history
 - i. John Patton (Scottsman) desired to take gospel to South Pacific islands in the mid 1800's. Two missionaries before him slaughtered, one of them eaten. Took wife and 4 children. Within months of arrival, wife and children died from disease-carrying insects while his personal health faltered. Still, ministered for many decades... Why?
 - ii. Foxe's Book of Martyrs – Some slain with sword, burned w/ fire, scorged w/ whips, stabbed w/ forks, fastened to cross, stoned, killed w/ cold, starved, dismembered and left naked to open shame. Faithful to the end. First martyr in book was Jesus Christ Himself.
 - iii. Paul – 2 Corinthians 11:24-29. Why?
 - iv. William Carey – Father of modern missions. Went to pastor & board of elders with vision and burden for India. Eldest responded: "Young man, sit down: when God pleases to convert the heathen, He will do it without your aid or mine." Opposition and hardship over 50 years of his ministry – but he never sat down. Why?
 - v. Jonathan Edwards – most brilliant theologian in North America. Famous for sermon entitled "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," read in a monotone while people were cut to the heart. Prayed and wept over his congregation before God. Why?
 - vi. Calvinists without exception – willing to sacrifice all, including their very lives for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - vii. Why should we care? If it is God who saves anyway, why should we be concerned over lost people?
- b. Paul's heart for the lost; God's heart for the lost – Romans 9:1-5
 - i. Why does Paul think this way? Given that he is going to spend the rest of the chapter developing the idea that before the foundation of the world God chooses some for

salvation and passes over others, why is he willing to give up his own standing with God in exchange for those perishing apart from Christ?

5. The Doctrine of Reprobation

- a. Definition – the sovereign decision of God before creation to pass over some persons, in sorrow deciding not to save them, and to punish them for their sins, and thereby to manifest His justice.
- b. Scriptural Basis
 - i. Jude 4, Romans 11:7, 1 Peter 2:8
- c. Some thoughts
 - i. Not double predestination – not the same as His saving election
 - ii. If it is Biblical we are obliged to believe it and even thank God for it; trusting that both judgment and grace somehow manifest His glory

Week 5 – Objections and Applications

- 1. Not rejected because it's hidden in scripture, but because it's alien to our culture.
 - a. American heritage – Most concerned with man's freedom or God's glory?
- 2. 3 primary objectives raised and answered in Romans 9
- 3. Comfort and security
- 4. Worship
- 5. Encouragement to Evangelism

Election – Week 5: Objections and Application**1. Background**

- a) TULIP
- b) Ordo Salutis – Election is the foundation of salvation
- c) Scriptural Doctrine – both OT & NT
- d) Founded in the Compassion of God
- e) Reprobation is not aggressive judgment, but rather passing over

2. Objections

- a) Not rejected because it's hidden in scripture, but because it's alien to our culture
- b) Romans 9 – the only doctrine of Scripture that is explained and defended
 - 1) God is unjust [9:14]
 1. American interpretation – “unfair”
 2. Justice = getting what we deserve
 3. Paul: God is not unjust, He is merciful. No one receives from God less than they deserve
 - 2) If God chooses in a way that we cannot resist, why are we still guilty? [9:19]
 1. Paraphrase: If election is true, there is no human responsibility. We are “robots”
 2. Paul: Does not the Potter have the right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use.
 - a. “Right” – it all belongs to God. He is the center, not me!
 - b. The “same” lump – all of it is useless, corrupt
 - 3) Summary – coexistence of election and human responsibility is a mystery

3. Applications

- a) Worship
 - 1) Acknowledging that God is God; that He must do it and He did it
 - 2) Humility flows from worship – why me? I know me – I am not worthy!
- b) Comfort and Security
 - 1) How can I know that I am saved?
- c) Encouragement to Evangelism
 - 1) If it is God who chooses, He can save anyone!

4. Final Quiz