

Objections to Election of Sinners to Salvation Pt 2

Romans 8:28–33 (NKJV)

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies.

Introduction

One of the most precious truths in all of the Bible is that God knows you by name

John 10:3 (NKJV)

³ To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

John 10:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own.

John 10:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

2 Timothy 2:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

Exodus 33:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ So the Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.”

Philippians 4:3 (NKJV)

³ And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with

Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names *are* in the Book of Life.

and if you are saved, your name was written down in a book long before the world began.

Revelation 17:8 (NKJV)

⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

This is a reflection of the eternal elective purposes of God, were by He chooses to save you before you were born, an not dependent of foreseen faith or works. But He sovereignly sets His love on you. He writes you name in the Book and determines to save you in the future.

There's a popular gospel song that says,

“There's a new name written down in glory”

Its right that the name is written in Heaven. It's wrong about the timing.

God's not writing down names as they get saved.

If you are saved, your name was already written in Heaven

This is divine election.

The opposite is

Revelation 20:15(NKJV)

¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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Review

1. God chose only nations not individuals
2. God chose for Service not Salvation
3. God chose a plan not persons.
4. God chose those, who he knew would believe.

Some Concerns for Clarity of Sovereign Individual Election to Salvation

1. It is not Fair
2. It means that God created people for Hell
3. It makes men robots and eliminated free will
4. It eliminates the need for missions and evangelism.
5. It makes prayer for the lost useless.

All of these objections rise from a number of mindsets.

1. A desire to protect God, from being unfair and mean
2. To protect the Love fo God for humanity at all cost
3. To protect the free will of man
4. To protect the responsibility of Man
5. To protect the mission and evangelism of the church
6. To protect the church from division.
7. To protect the paycheck for the preacher.

But all of these are attempts to deal with a perceived problem and not the real Elephant in the room.

Straw men are created and then refuted while all along there is a real man with a real problem that is being ignored.

Arguments and objections that arise from a wrong view of God or wrong view of man or a wrong view of election and predestination never deal with the the Huge issue that all must face.

Attempts to protect God and his character and love for sinners never is able to address this major problem that all must admit.

All the efforts to protect evangelisms and Missions and to say that this doctrine is from the devil and will kill the church, never fully face the colossal reality that the church must honestly face.

If fact, if you never read one verse in the Bible about Election and Predestination. If it just was not there... It would not erase the largest and most difficult reality in all of Human History.

And simply closing your eyes to it and acting like it is not there, does not make it go away.

And ignoring it in hopes that no one will bring it up does not make it disappear.

What is it. What is this elephant in the room, the Huge issue that no one wants to address in the evangelical church.

It is the fact that God is all knowing and created every single person who has ever lived.

And He created all of them with full knowledge of whether they would be saved or lost. He knew who would believe and who would not believe before they were ever created.

And all the ones that he knew would never believe and end up in hell, he created them anyway.

God is not obligated to create. He is not obligated to give life to a human being in the womb. He chooses to do this. He is life and no one lives apart from Him. All things are held together by Him.

There is only 2 possible ways out of this and both of them are heresy and are opposite the very clear teaching of all of the Bible.

1. All things happen by chance, and God is not in control of any person being born and is not the one who gives life.

2. God is not omniscience. He does not know all things and is in fact learning as He goes. He does not know who will believe and who will not and the future is open. i.e. The Openest of God.

1. God Created all things

Colossians 1:16–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

John 1:3–4 (NKJV)

³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Revelation 4:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ “You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created.”

2 God knows all things

Isaiah 46:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet*
done,

Saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
And I will do all My pleasure,'

Isaiah 41:22–23 (NKJV)

²² "Let them bring forth and show us what will
happen;

Let them show the former things, what they *were*,
That we may consider them,
And know the latter end of them;
Or declare to us things to come.

²³ Show the things that are to come hereafter,
That we may know that you *are* gods;

Yes, do good or do evil,
That we may be dismayed and see *it* together.

Isaiah 44:7 (NKJV)

⁷ And who can proclaim as I do?
Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me,
Since I appointed the ancient people.
And the things that are coming and shall come,
Let them show these to them.

Acts 15:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ “Known to God from eternity are all His works.

Acts 15:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God,

Acts 17:25–26 (NKJV)

²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

Psalms 139:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When *as yet there were* none of them.

Psalms 139:4 (NKJV)

⁴ For *there is* not a word on my tongue,
But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

Prophecy is one of the greatest indicators of God knowing the future. He can predict it, govern it and see to it that it happens.

Peter Stoner, in *Science Speaks*, has shown that coincidence in prophetic Scripture is ruled out by the science of probability. Taking just eight prophecies concerning Christ, Stoner found that the chance that any one man might have fulfilled all eight prophecies is 1 in 10 to the 17th power. That would be 1 chance in 100,000,000,000,000,000. Of course, Jesus fulfilled many more than eight prophecies! There is no doubt that Bible is totally accurate in foretelling the future.<https://www.gotquestions.org/God-know-future.html>

So in the end, if we are honest and are willing to consider the obvious elephant in the room. We need to ask a simple question. Since there is a people that will be damned and a people that will be saved from damnation,

Is there a purpose in all of this?

The answer is YES there is. But it is not about us, it is about God.

Romans 9:18–23 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

¹⁹ You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?” ²⁰ But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, “Why have you made me like this?” ²¹ Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

²² What if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³ and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,

Ephesians 1:4–6 (NKJV)

⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:9 (NKJV)

⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

Ephesians 1:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Lesson

But since most are unwilling to deal with the real issue and rather prefer to address a straw man, we will still to to address the attempts to refute and eliminate the Biblical teaching that God Sovereignly elects individuals for Salvation.

1. God chose only nations not individuals

We saw last time, that God does indeed sovereignly elect nations. He did so for Israel but also it is clear

that there are Nations that he did not elect. They were left outside of the Covenant and not given the word of God.

So although this is true. It does not elevate individual election.

1. nations are made of people, individual People
2. That is not what all the passages that deal with elections talk about. There are specific scriptures that talk of the election of a person, not just a nation.

2. God chose for Service not Salvation

This has grown in popularity in the last few years. And it is again, an attempt to rescue God from perceived character issues and to protect the gospel, the freewill of man and evangelism. How as is with the view that election only has to do with nations, this view too falls woefully short of answering the manifold text of Scripture that clearly point to individual person being elect.

But first.

We must be willing to admit that there are scriptures that seem to indicate that God has made a specific choice of some for certain kinds of Service.

God does make choices of those to serve Him.

John 15:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

John 15:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

John 6:70–71 (NKJV)

⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?” ⁷¹ He spoke of Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

Luke 6:13 (NKJV)

¹³ And when it was day, He called His disciples to *Himself*; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:

Acts 1:24–26 (NKJV)

²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Acts 9:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

Galatians 1:15–16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called *me* through His grace, ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

1 Timothy 2:5–7 (NKJV)

⁵ For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

⁷ for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ *and* not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Timothy 1:12–13 (NKJV)

¹² And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, ¹³ although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.

Ephesians 4:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

And, Romans 9 is the problem passage that has to be dealt with. You cannot allow it to refer to a Sovereign choice or willful act on Gods part for the salvation of individuals to Salvation.

So for those who can see that this passage is more than just the election of a nation... at least they are

will to concede that, but they will only go as far as this is election for service not salvation.

Romans 9:11–13 (NKJV)

¹¹ (for *the children* not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), ¹² it was said to her, “*The older shall serve the younger.*” ¹³ As it is written, “*Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.*”

So there it is, Service, not salvation.

So even say that this is simply dealing with corporate election of a nation for Service.

That God Chose Israel to serve and He chose Egypt to serve a particular purpose as represented by Pharaoh

So is that all Paul is talking about. Is it just election to service.

1. It is not the topic in the Context

Romans 9:1–4 (NKJV)

9 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were **accursed from Christ for my brethren**, my countrymen according to the flesh, ⁴ who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of *God*, and the promises;

These are words that refer to Salvation not Service

In fact, Paul is not concerned about them having been chosen for service because he says they were chosen for service

⁴ who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, **the service of God**, and the promises;

But his grief is deeper, much deeper. These are eternal matters.

These Israelites are missing something. Not Service but salvation.

In the same Context Paul concludes

Romans 10:1–2 (NKJV)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

Paul's concern is salvation, not service

2. It does not fit within the broader Context.

Romans 8 is about the amazing secure Salvation that we have in Christ, with NO Condemnation v. 1 and No Separation from in v. 39

In Romans 10. It begins with Pauls grief for Israels need for Salvation in v. 1

Romans 10:3–4 (NKJV)

³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

⁴ For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

and continues with the great teaching on what takes to be saved by believe and Confessin Christ.

Romans 10:9–13 (NKJV)

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "*Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.*" ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For "*whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*"

then concludes with Israel's stubborn heart of unbelief.

Romans 10:21 (NKJV)

²¹ But to Israel he says:

*“All day long I have stretched out My hands
To a disobedient and contrary people.”*

Then chapter 11. He answers the objection of Has God cast away his People.

And the Answer is NO>

Romans 11:5–8 (NKJV)

⁵ Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. ⁶ And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

⁷ What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. ⁸ Just as it is written:

*“God has given them a spirit of stupor,
Eyes that they should not see
And ears that they should not hear,
To this very day.”*

Romans 11:13–15 (NKJV)

¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴ if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *those who are* my flesh and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their being cast away *is* the reconciling of the world, what *will* their acceptance *be* but life from the dead?

Romans 11:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ *Well said.* Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear.

Romans 11:25–26 (NKJV)

²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

*“The Deliverer will come out of Zion,
And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;*

So Romans 8 = salvation

Romans 10 = salvation

Romans 11= salvation

But Romans 9 === just service ? no no no.

Add to this the fact that Election is in many cases an election unto Salvation, not just service.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV)

¹³ But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning **chose** you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NKJV)

⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 Timothy 2:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

John 6:37 (NKJV)

37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

John 6:64–65 (NKJV)

64 But there are some of you who do not believe.”

For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.

65 And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”

Acts 13:48

48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

2 Timothy 1:9 (NKJV)

9 who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

2 Peter 1:5–12 (NKJV)

⁵ But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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This basically says that God only chose the plan not the people in the plan.

He elected Christ and the plan to send Christ to Save by not the people in Christ.

Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV)

⁴ just as He chose us **in Him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

Ephesians 1:9–13 (NKJV)

⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed **in Himself**, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things **in Christ**, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—**in Him**. ¹¹ **In Him** also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined

according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

¹³ **In Him** you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

This phrase “in Christ”, or “in Him”

according to this view, a choice by God to elect salvation only IN Christ. Not outside of Christ.

He is the Only way to be saved, and forgiven.

So God Elected the plan that all would be saved IN Christ Alone but did not determine the individuals that would be In Christ. That is all dependent on the free will of man.

First I will agree that there is not Salvation outside of Christ. And if you are saved, you have to be in Christ.

Second, I will agree that the plan to save IN Christ was the elect plan of God.

But to assume that God has not elected individuals to be IN Christ is wrong.

Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV)

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He chose **us in Him**

Eklegō (**chose**) is here in the aorist tense and the middle voice, indicating God's totally independent choice. Because the verb is reflexive it signifies that God not only chose by Himself but for Himself

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1986). *Ephesians* (p. 11). Chicago: Moody Press.

us direct object. **HE chose us, not a plan**

“Here in Ephesians, the object of God's choice is *us*, that is, believers, who now belong to the people of God and *praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*. There is clearly a corporate dimension to God's election. It was God's intention to create for himself a people perfectly conformed to the likeness of his Son (Rom. 8:29–30). It is inappropriate, however, to suggest that election in Christ is

primarily corporate rather than personal and individual.”

O’Brien, P. T. (1999). *The letter to the Ephesians* (p. 99). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

to be chose in Christ

simply means that it is through the means and person of Christ that election can happen.

God cannot chose to save you apart from Christ
Union in Christ is the only way Election can have fulfillment.

Revelation 13:8 (NKJV)

⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Its more than a plan

It s individual

John 6:37 (NKJV)

³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

John 6:39–40 (NKJV)

³⁹ This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise

it up at the last day. ⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

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Spurgeon had a delightful way of thanking God for election;

“I believe the doctrine of election, because I am quite sure that if God had not chosen me I should never have chosen him; and I am sure he chose me before I was born, or else he never would have chosen me afterwards; or he must have elected me for reasons unknown to me, for I never could find any reason in myself why he should have looked upon me with special love.”

(Lectures to my students pg. 227)