

Doctrine of Election

Chosen by God

1. One of the great truths of the Bible is the doctrine of election. There are over six billion people on planet earth at the present.
2. The Christian community makes up a very small percentage of all the religions in the world. Jesus spoke of His disciples as being “*a little flock*” (Luke 12:32). A question arises. “*Who are those chosen by God?*” The divine answer is, “*Not many.*” God does not choose many for salvation.
 - *Matthew 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.*
3. Those chosen by God are called the “*elect*”.
 - *Mark 13:20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.*
4. Christ is the one who choose John 6:70
 - *John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*
 - *John 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.*
5. Saul of Tarsus came to faith because God chose him unto salvation.
 - *Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:*
 - *Acts 22:14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.*
6. Like Saul of Tarsus, Rufus was chosen in the Lord.
 - *Romans 16:13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.*
7. The divine selection was made before the foundation of the world.
 - *Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

Special Note.

The elect are those who have been chosen to salvation, sanctification, and to service.

- *2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

8. It is God who chooses who will be saved, not men.

- *1 Peter 2:3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,*

9. The purpose of the divine undertaking is to bring glory to Christ.

- *1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

10. Those who are chosen will be with Christ forever and ever to serve with Him and to help defeat His enemies.

- *Revelation 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*

11. If you are a Christian then you are one because God has chosen you to salvation and beyond that to service in the royal priesthood.