

Doctrine of Election

1. The doctrine of election teaches that God selects individuals to salvation and to service. The divine election to service includes unbelievers, illustrated in the life of Cyrus, king of Persia.
 - *Isaiah 45:1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut.*
2. The Messiah is called the Elect, for He was chosen to accomplish the great work of redemption.
 - *Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.*
3. Jacob was elected to receive the grace of God as the nation of Israel was chosen to disseminate the gospel, though it failed in its responsibility.
 - *Isaiah 45:4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.*
4. Those who share the faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are deemed the elect of God.
 - *Isaiah 65:9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.*
 - *Isaiah 65:22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*
5. The existence of an elect people is taught by Christ.
 - *Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*
6. At the end of time the elect shall be distinguished from the non-elect.
 - *Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*
 - *Mark 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.*
7. False Christs and false prophets, as ministers of satanic righteousness, shall try to deceive the elect to turn them from the faith, but that will not be possible.

- *Mark 13:22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.*
8. God the Father has a special relationship to the elect, and shall avenge them of injustices.
- *Luke 18:7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?*
9. Because of their union with Christ, no charge can be laid against the elect who have been justified, or declared righteous in the sight of God.
- *Romans 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*
10. To be numbered among the elect has a practical responsibility, and that is to live a holy life manifested by the fruits of the Spirit.
- *Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;*
11. As individuals have been elected for salvation and service, so have certain angels.
- *1 Timothy 5:21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.*
12. The elect are those who have faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- *Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;*
13. Election is based upon the foreknowledge of God the Father.
- *1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

Special Note.

There are two ways to have knowledge. One is to come into knowledge through a learning process. A child goes to school and learns how to read and write. A person watches television and comes into knowledge about some great event. The other way to have knowledge is to write the script. A writer and director of a movie will know what is going to happen on a set because he has written the script. Since God does not come into knowledge, He must be the author of the script of life.

14. As the Elect of God the Father, and the object of His affections, Jesus Christ is precious. All who believe in Him shall not be ashamed, for their faith will not have been misplaced.
 - *1 Peter 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.*
15. The concept of being an elect people was in the consciousness of the apostles manifested in the letters they wrote.
 - *2 John 1 The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;*
16. The elect of God have an influence over their children in as far as they bear witness to the truth. The children of the elect have unique opportunity to come under the sound of the gospel.
 - *2 John 13 The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.*