

Series: Systematic Theology Part 3
Title: Election and Reprobation
Purpose: To examine when and why God chose us and why some are apparently not chosen
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- I. The American Problem
 - A. American individualism and freedom of choice
 - B. Innocent until proven guilty
 - C. Humanism's influence, especially since WW II
 - D. Misunderstanding of justice and fairness
 - E. Misunderstanding of faith
 - F. An order of salvation - rest of unit will explain each of these in detail
 - G. Definition - election is the 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.
- II. Does the New Testament teach predestination/election
- III. How does the New Testament present the teaching of election
- IV. Correcting the misunderstandings of the doctrine of election
 - A. Not fatalism or mechanistic
 - B. Not based on God's foreknowledge of our faith
- V. Objections to the doctrine of election
 - A. Election means we do not have a choice
 - B. Our choices are not real choices
 - C. Doctrine makes us robots or puppets, not real people
 - D. Means some never had a chance to believe
 - E. Election is unfair
 - F. God wills to save everyone
- VI. The doctrine of reprobation
 - A. Definition - sovereign decision by 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. Romans 9:22-23 - shows justice but also brings Him glory
 - C. Blame is always put on the sinner, never on God
- VII. Practical application of the doctrine of election
 - A. You and I are believers because God in eternity past chose to love us
 - B. Our salvation is based totally on grace alone
 - C. Only response is "Praise the Lord!"

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