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Names & Titles of Jesus
Lesson 21 Jesus the Elect

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The Elect found in the Old Testament

Isaiah 42:1-4... *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. 2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. 4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.* In four verses "he" is mentioned seven times, "his" and "him" three times. These verses are speaking about Jesus Christ. How is Jesus Christ going to establish judgment in the earth? How will He teach His law from one end of this world to the other? He will do so by His absolute power.

From John the Baptist to the catching away of the church, then on through the Tribulation with his tribulation witnesses, the Lord has lifted up His voice and cried for all men to repent and be saved. He has pleaded with the human race to forsake their idols and their vanities, and to trust Him. When the time comes to establish truth, righteousness, and His kingdom on this earth, He will come with His strong arm in His power establishing His kingdom. Our focus in this lesson is the designation of Jesus as mine elect. According to verse 1, the elect is a person. It is not a group of people; it is not millions of foreordained saved ones. It is one single individual person, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is God's elect.

Now the biblical doctrine of election is a simple one, yet men have debated its meaning for thousands of years. The reasons for the division are three-fold:

1. Sincere men approach the Bible with the preconceived idea of what it teaches. Then they look in the Bible for support for what they have already decided they believe.

For example, John Calvin was a Roman Catholic priest. He believed in baby sprinkling. He believed in the State Church. He may have left the Catholic Church, but he never departed from the teachings of his papist forefathers. The Roman Catholic Church, whose official doctrine goes all the way back to Augustine and Jerome (two of the pillars upon which that church rests), has a fatalistic view borrowed from Greek philosophers who thought that God, whoever He is and wherever He is, decided before He made the first man or the first woman, that He would make some to be saved and some to be damned, He predetermined salvation for the saved and damnation for

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the unsaved before anybody was made or born. That is not Calvinism; that is not Romanism. It is Greek philosophy that Calvin brought forward to the Protestant Reformation.

2. When teaching their preconceived idea of what the Bible means, should they come across verses that interfere with their doctrine, they explain to their followers that the Bible has been translated incorrectly or that those verses should not be in the Bible altogether.

3. Careless men build a theology on scripture verses divorced from their context rather than reading and studying full Bible passages allowing the Bible to explain the particular verses they are using for their philosophy or for their doctrine.

Now, notice from Isaiah 42, God has an elect. This someone is God's elect. It is not a foreordained group. It is one person. He, him, his... ***I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. 2 He shall not cry....*** It is an individual. It is one person. That person is Jesus Christ.

The Elect Found in the New Testament

1 Peter 2:1-7 We want to get the context. ***Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 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, 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 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. 7 Unto you therefore which believe HE is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner....***

Here we see a second time (once in the Old Testament and once in the New Testament) the man Christ Jesus is identified by God as the elect. Do you know how many times saved Christians in the Bible are referred to as the elect? NONE. Do you know how many times individuals who are not saved yet are referred to as the elect? NONE. Jesus is God's elect. You say, "But I heard Dr. Theology tell me on TV that we are among the elect. He's a great Bible scholar, and he's a wonderful teacher" You probably did, but how many times has he told you that the Bible was translated wrong? You have to make a choice, either you are going to believe what the Bible says, or you are going

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to be deceived by what a preacher says. (Psalms 12:6-7; Psalm 33:4)
Personally, I am going to stick with the Bible. The Bible says in Isaiah and 1 Peter that Jesus Christ is God's elect.

Let us look at some other elect in the Bible

- Elect angels - 1 Timothy 5:21
- Elect nation - Isaiah 45:4; 65:9, 22 This nation will be tried during the tribulation time... Matthew 24.

Let's look at Romans 8. First, we need to establish that nobody but Jesus Christ could be elect or the elect. And we can establish that quite easily from Romans 8:28-30 ***And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*** There is nobody predestinated until they are saved. How could you go out and tell a sinner he is on his way to hell if he doesn't get saved, when he is predestinated to go to heaven? How could God command all men everywhere to repent if they were predestinated to have eternal life? The gospel is repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. If you were saved before the foundation of the world, you do not need to repent. But you weren't. Your destination was not fixed until you trusted Christ as your Saviour. At that point, you are predestinated. And you are not predestinated to go to heaven. Nobody is. You are predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son.

Romans 8:31-34 ***What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us..***

Now if you are elect, you cannot be condemned. There is only one person who ever came into this world who was never condemned. That is Jesus Christ. The born again child of God is in Jesus Christ, so the first verse of Chapter 8 confirms that you are not condemned: Romans 8:1. ***There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*** If there is therefore NOW no condemnation, then there is a time that there was condemnation. And if God's elect were not under condemnation, then they were **not elect** before they were saved! I hope you see that.

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Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? Romans 8:33
NOBODY

But who shall lay anything to the charge of man? Here are a few.

- Romans 3:23 ***For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.***
- Ecclesiastes 7:20 ***For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.***
- Luke 13:3, 5... ***except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.***
- 1 John 1:8 ***If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.***

You are charged by God as having been conceived in iniquity, born in sin, gone astray from the womb, being impure in your thoughts, words, deeds, actions; and you are told that you must repent and be born again, or you will lose your soul in Hell.

The Elect Is Not Condemned

John 3:16-18. Verse 16. ***For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*** 17 ***For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*** 18 ***He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already....*** Until you believe on Jesus Christ, you are condemned. Romans 8:1 ***There is therefore now no condemnation...*** It is because there was at one time condemnation. If the elect is not condemned because they cannot be charged with any sin or with any crime, the elect has to be Jesus. He was the only sinless one, He's the only one that was not condemned.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 ***For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*** Now look at that closely. It does not say "As in Adam all shall be made dead." The death is not a future thing. The death is on you from the moment you are born. Do you see that? "In Adam all die,." a statement of fact. But if you could get in Christ, you would be made alive! You could not have been elect, saved, or chosen before the foundation of the world. You are in Adam before the foundation of the world. Not in Christ.

Biblical Proof That Jesus Christ Is the Elect

The Faith of God's Elect

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;*** Someone who is not really reading what the scripture is teaching might draw the conclusion that Paul was one of the elect and that's why he

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had faith. *Wait a minute.* Who is God's elect according to Isaiah 42? Jesus Christ. Who is God's elect according to First Peter 2? Jesus Christ. Why would God's elect become somebody else in Titus chapter 1? You say, "Well, when God's elect put their faith in Jesus Christ..." That's not what the scripture says) ***...according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; Titus 1:2-3 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; 3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;***

If God made a promise before the world began, to whom did He make that promise? Only the trinity of God was present. The faith of God's elect (Jesus Christ) before the world began resulted in God's ability to promise eternal life.

Who is God's elect? Galatians 2:16 ***Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.***

There wouldn't be any salvation were it not for the faith of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ came into this world believing that His Father would allow Him to save sinners if He shed His blood and died for them. 1 Corinthians 15:3 ***For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;*** Where are you in that verse? There is nothing in the gospel about you doing anything! The gospel is what Christ did for us. I have eternal life, but it is not because of anything I did; it is solely what Jesus Christ did for me.

My faith (your faith) is sometimes weak; it fluctuates based on my experiences each moment of the day. My faith never could save me. It was all through His faith, our Elect, the Lord Jesus Christ.

I Am Kept By the Faith of the Son of God – God's Elect

Galatians 2:20... ***I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.***

This is why I do not worry about losing my salvation. What if my faith fails?" My faith isn't keeping me. What if I quit believing? My belief isn't keeping me. I am kept by the faith of God's elect. God's elect is Jesus Christ. I am saved by the faith of Jesus Christ. I am kept by the faith of the Son of God. Jesus Christ!!!

Notes

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Name _____

Note: (*) An asterisk indicates must include scripture with your answers.

1. Where does false doctrine come from?
2. Whose faith saved you? *
3. Who is the Elect before the foundation of the world? *
4. How is Jesus Christ going to establish judgment in the earth?
5. If God made a promise before the world began, to whom did He make that promise? *
6. How many times are saved Christians in the Bible are referred to as the elect?
7. How many times do you hear of individuals who are not saved referred to as the elect?
8. How could you go out and tell a sinner he is on his way to hell if he is predestinated, saved to go to heaven?
9. Explain Romans 8:29.
10. Who shall lay anything to the charge of man?
 - a.

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- b.
 - c.
 - d.
11. Who is God's elect according to Isaiah 42?
12. Who is God's elect according to 1 Peter 2?
13. When the Famous Dr. Theologian Prophecy Teacher stands in the pulpit or on the Internet and says, "The Church is God's Elect," or "Israel is God's Elect," what should your thought be?

True/false

- The Elect is Jesus Christ *
- God Predestined some to go to Heaven and some to go to Hell before the foundation of the world.
- There are other things in the Bible that are referred to as elect. *

**Scripture memorization**

Titus 1:2; 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 3:23

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

Any Questions?