

# **GOD'S ELECTION**

A high-angle photograph of a person walking a tightrope over a turbulent, white-water river. The person is wearing a red jacket and dark pants, and is holding a long pole for balance. The water is dark green and white with foam, indicating a strong current. The background shows more of the river and some rocks.

**(Go Lobos!!!)**



# GOD'S ELECTION

## III. Broad Doctrine of Election

A. Angels

B. Messiah

C. Special Tasks

D. Israel

E. Believers



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**Col 3:12** So, as **those who have been chosen** of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

**Tit 1:1** Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of **those chosen of God** and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

**Eph 1:4** just as **He chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

**Mt 24:31** “And He will send forth His angels with **A GREAT TRUMPET** and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect** from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

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**I. Introduction**

**II. Terms**

**III. Broad Doctrine  
of Election**

**IV. Doctrine for  
Believers**



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# GOD'S ELECTION

## IV. Doctrine for Believers

### A. Views



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# ISSUES

## Reformed

1. Election of individuals for salvation in eternity past
2. Tends to minimize volition
3. Double predestination





# ISSUES

## Arminian

1. Election of those God foresaw choosing Him
2. Minimizes God's election
3. Underestimates depravity



# ISSUES

## Dispensationalist

1. According to foreknowledge
2. When believing
3. In Christ
4. Purposes other than salvation
5. Qualitative sense



# GOD'S ELECTION

## IV. Doctrine for Believers

### A. Views

### B. Issues

### 1. Volition



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# **VOLITION**

- 1. Free will - only God (absolute)  
even Adam & Eve had limitations**
- 2. Restraints - of sin nature  
unbelievers - Eph 2:1-3, Rom 3:11  
believers - either flesh or HS  
Phil 2:13**
- 3. Under influences - Satan, world, flesh,  
or HS**

# GOD'S ELECTION

## IV. Doctrine for Believers

### A. Views

### B. Issues

#### 1. Volition

#### 2. Will of God



# WILL of GOD

## 1. Description



# DESCRIPTION

**1. Contrast**

**2. Ability to put His plan into effect**

**Ps 115:3 But our God is in the heavens; He does **whatever He pleases.****

**Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the **will of God** is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.**



**Eph 1:9-11** He made known to us the mystery of His **will**, according to His kind **intention** which He **purposed** in Him **10** with a view to an administration suitable to the fulness of the times, that is, the **summing up of all things** in Christ, things in the heavens & things upon the earth. In Him **11** also we have obtained an inheritance, having been **predestined** according to His **purpose** who works all things after the **counsel** of His **will**,

# DESCRIPTION

- 1. Contrast**
- 2. Ability to put His plan into effect**
- 3. Includes Omnipotence,  
Omniscience, Moral Perfections,  
Independence**

# WILL of GOD

1. Description
  2. Distinctions
- Decretive



# **DECRETIVE WILL**

- 1. Sovereign will**
- 2. Purposes certainly fulfilled**
- 3. Will not be frustrated by anyone**

**Rom 9:19** You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?”

**Dan 4:35** “And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to **His will** in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and **no one can ward off His hand** Or say to Him, ‘What hast Thou done?’

**Jn 6:39** “And this is the **will of Him** who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

**Rev 4:11** “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You all things, and because of **Your will** they existed, and were created.”

# **DECRETIVE WILL**

- 1. Sovereign will**
- 2. Purposes certainly fulfilled**
- 3. Will not be frustrated by anyone**
- 4. Permissive will**

# WILL of GOD

1. Description
2. Distinctions
  - Decretive
  - Preceptive





# **PRECEPTIVE WILL**

- 1. That which He commands**
- 2. He does not compel creatures**
- 3. Expresses His holy character**

**Mt 6:10** ‘Your kingdom come. Your **will be done**, On earth as it is in heaven.

**1Th 4:3** For this is the **will of God**, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

**Eph 5:17** So then do not be foolish, but understand what the **will of the Lord** is.

# WILL of GOD

1. Description
2. Distinctions
  - Decretive
  - Preceptive
  - Conditional



**1Tim 2:4** who **desires** all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**2Pet 3:9** The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing** for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

# GOD'S ELECTION

## IV. Doctrine for Believers

### A. Views

### B. Issues

#### 1. Volition

#### 2. Will of God

#### 3. Purposes



# **PURPOSES**

- 1. God's glory - Eph 1:6**
- 2. Man's glorification - 1:4**
- 3. Obedience - 1Pet 1:2**
- 4. Ministry - 1Pet 2:9**
- 5. Shame - 1Co 1:27-28**
- 6. Salvation - 2Th 2:13**

# GOD'S ELECTION

## IV. Doctrine for Believers

### A. Views

### B. Issues

#### 1. Volition

#### 2. Will of God

#### 3. Purposes

#### 4. Corporate



# GOD'S ELECTION

## IV. Doctrine for Believers

A. Views

B. Issues

C. Exposition



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**Eph 1:4 just as He chose us in Him  
before the foundation of the  
world, that we would be holy  
and blameless before Him.**

**1:6 to the praise of the glory of  
His grace, which He freely  
bestowed on us in the  
Beloved.**

# **KEY TERMS**

- 1. Author - He (Father as designer)**
- 2. Volition - chose (in aorist tense)**
- 3. Object - us (depraved sinners)**
- 4. Means - in Him (positional)**
- 5. Time - before creation (eternity)**
- 6. Purpose - holy/blameless (glorification)  
His glory (1:6)**

**1Pet 1:1-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, ..., who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: ....**

# **KEY TERMS**

1. **Objects - those chosen (ἐκλεκτός in dat.)**

2. **Basis - foreknowledge**

**God knowing who would believe?  
dependent on man's choice**

**Or**

**God knowing what He would do?  
dependent on God's plan**

3. **Means - sanctifying of HS**

4. **Purpose - obedience**

**Jn 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.**

# **KEY TERMS**

- 1. Author - God**
- 2. Motive - loved (aorist tense)**
- 3. Object - whoever (unlimited)**
- 4. Means - faith (after influences)**
- 5. Result - perishes (eternal)  
eternal life**

# GOD'S ELECTION

## IV. Doctrine for Believers

A. Views

B. Issues

C. Exposition

D. Salvation Sequence



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**Rom 8:29-30** For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.



# TOTAL SALVATION

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**Election**

**Eph 1:4-5**

**Predestination**

**Before Foundations**

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**Revelation**

**In Time**

**Rom 1:19-20**

**Calling**



**Mt 22:14**

**Conviction**

**Jn 16:8**

**Illumination**

**Jn 1:9, 13**

**Regeneration**

**Man's Faith**

**Eph 2:8-9**

**Sanctification**



**1Th 4:3**

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**Glorification**

**At Rapture**

**Rom 8:30**

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**V. Conclusion**



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# ISSUES

## Mediated

1. Let God be God
2. No need to soften God's choosing
3. No undermining man's volition
4. Issue of "free will"
5. Need for faith
6. Allow for mystery



A photograph of a sunset over a large body of water, likely the Sea of Galilee. The sun is a bright orange circle on the horizon, with a shimmering path of light reflecting across the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the distant land is silhouetted against the twilight. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

**Praise our Lord's  
Grace & Love  
in Election!!!**

**Sea of Galilee from Kursi**