



# THINGS GOD HATES...

Proverbs 6:16-19

- ✓ A proud look
- ✓ A false witness speaking lies
- ✓ A lying tongue
- ✓ Hands that shed innocent blood
- ✓ A heart that devises wicked imaginations
- ✓ Feet running to mischief
- ✓ One who sows discord
- ✓ Hyper-Calvinist doctrine

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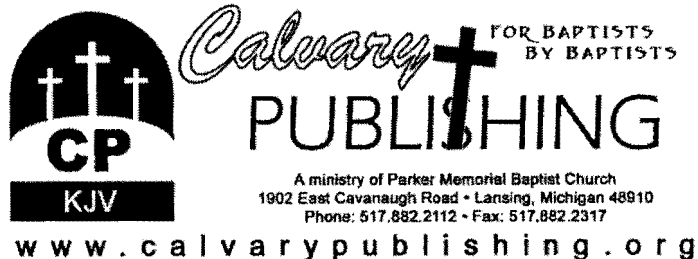
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## FORWARD

### THE HYPER-CALVINIST HERESY CONCERNING ELECTION REFUTED!

One of the most disruptive doctrines that has destroyed whole denominations, starved more missionaries off the field and has sent more sinners to hell, is the wrong stress on the beautiful Doctrine of Election.

When refuting the arguments of this false doctrine, never use their sources for proof. They will take from the writing of past great scholars what they need in their efforts to prove their false doctrine. We know they do this because that is what they do when they use God's Holy Word. They take statements out of context and use it to try and prove their point. This same principle is true when you discuss issues with the Jehovah's Witness or The Mormons.

Always go to your perfect manual and ask the blessed Holy Spirit to illuminate your understanding in dealing with their arguments **instead of discussing their terms.**

In this writing, we will not attempt to refute the Hyper-Calvinist view of election by refuting their attempted efforts at logic. Much of their logic is based on what past scholars have said. We will simply state clearly the simple teachings of the precious doctrine as it is revealed in God's Word.

The Bible was written for the common man and **it serves as his life manual.** Any common man with the help of the Holy Spirit and the knowledge of some simple keys to unlocking scripture can understand it. This is true concerning every doctrine in the Bible, **including the doctrine of election.**

Therefore, the clear setting forth of scripture, which pertains to the Doctrine of Election will refute the harmful and destructive teaching of the Hyper-Calvinists.

# I. GOD ELECTED MEN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

## A. **This truth is presented in 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:”**

The Hyper-Calvinist’s mind instantly focuses on the statement, **“According as he hath chosen [elected] us in Him before the foundation of the world, ...”**

He completely ignores the rest of the verse. The rest of the verse states why God chose us before the foundation of the world. The expression, **“...before the foundation of the world...”** means before the casting down of or the creation of the world.

If the Hyper-Calvinist can get one to stop there, then they have won their argument, but the verse does not stop there. It continues on to state why God chose us. He chose, THAT, “**...we should be holy and without blame before him in love.**” Before the foundation or the casting down of the world [creation], God chose us:

- To live a holy life
- To live a life without blame
- And to live a life that radiates love toward Him, other Christians, and to a poor lost world

The stress of this verse is on how the elected were to live and not on **who the elected are**. The verse is in perfect harmony with the rest of the Bible which stresses that a Christian should live a life differently from the world and should manifest the love of God.

A study of the verses that surround verse four give a clear picture of why we were elected:

- It is according to the good pleasure of His will (v. 9) that is why God created man...for this pleasure.
- It is to give Him praise for the grace of His glory (v. 12)
- It is to make us accepted in His beloved (v. 6)
- It is, “**...according to his good pleasure which he has purposed...**” (v. 9) again, this verse signifies why God created man.
- It is to the, “**...praise of his glory...**” (v. 12) We are to live lives which conform to God’s will which makes God happy.

**B. Elected by an all-powerful, all-knowing, all present God before the creation of the world**

Elected before the creation of the world;  
BIG DEAL! When would you expect a God

who has no end or beginning and who has all power and knowledge to elect a person to be saved?

**God is not a time creature, but an eternal being.** In fact, He said that a thousand years to man is like a day to Him. (II Pet 3:8) He further describes how he accounts for time in Psalms 90:4 by illustrating that one thousand years to Him is as yesterday when it is past or as a three hour period in the night. Most Bible scholars believe that it has been approximately six-thousand years since God made man. Those six-thousand years is how man reckons time. With the eternal I AM, as God is called, our election is like something that has just happened.

## II. HOW COULD GOD ELECT MAN BEFORE HE WAS BORN?

The eternal God chose us to be elected before the creation of the world, but what basis or criteria did he use in the choosing or the election of the sinner?

The Apostle Peter gave a clear statement of how God elected people to be saved in I 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.”**

Please consider this verse as we note three important truths:

**A. “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father...”**

How did God elect? God elected according to His foreknowledge. This all-

powerful, all-knowing God, who is the great I AM, saw us before the foundation of the world and elected or chose us to be saved. The rest of the verse clarifies what this all-knowing, all-powerful God saw.

**B. “...through sanctification of the Spirit...”**

This all-knowing, all-powerful God not only saw the election of the sinner to be saved, but **He saw the means** which preceded the election. He saw the working of the Holy Spirit with the sinner, which led to his sanctification or being set apart as a child of God.

**C. “...unto obedience [of the sinner] and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ...”**

By God's foreknowledge, He saw the Holy Spirit working with the sinner. He foresaw the sinner's obedience of the call to repentance of his sins. He foresaw the sinner

accepting the precious blood of Christ for his cleansing or sanctification. Upon foreseeing the working of the Holy Spirit and the obedience of the sinner to repent and accept Christ as his Saviour, God, the Father, elected him to be saved before the creation of the world.



### III. WHAT PART DOES THE SINNER HAVE IN HIS OWN ELECTION OR SALVATION?

This is where the Hyper-Calvinist appeals to man's human nature instead of trying to rightly divide the Word of God.

They reason and argue that man has no part in his election by stating, "How could he have part in his election since he was not even born?" This argument appeals to man's human reasoning and ignorance of what the Bible teaches.

A. The Bible commands each Christian to make his **calling and election sure**.

**"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:"** (II Peter 1:10)

In simple language, "...**make your calling and election sure...**" means make

sure of your salvation or that you are saved. Peter really emphasizes the need for a person to make his calling and election sure by stating, **"...GIVE DILIGENCE to make your calling and election sure..."** Give diligence is a strong admonishment to make sure of one's salvation. If man did not have any part in his election as the Hyper-Calvinist's claim, why this strong admonishment TO DO SO?

The very fact that man is commanded to make very sure of his calling and election proves that he has part in his election.

If man didn't have part, or if man was unable to make his calling and election sure, then this command to do so would be a very brutal thing since man had no power to do so.

B. **How to harmonize Ephesians 1:4  
and II Peter 1:10**

Ephesians 1:4 states that “**...before the foundation of the world...**” while II Peter 1:10 commands the Christian to make his calling and election sure.

Ephesians 1:4 takes **place in eternity**, while II Peter 1:10 **takes place in time**. To the human mind there is no way to harmonize the two.

These are two clear statements. First, God chose man to be saved in eternity, before the creation of this world. The second clearly states that man in time was to make his calling and election sure. Since the Bible was written by the Holy Spirit, there are no contradictions in the Bible. The two statements perfectly harmonize when properly understood.

In I Peter 1:2, Peter states that by God’s foreknowledge, God saw that man would be saved. God saw the working of the Holy Spirit with the sinner, the sinner’s

repentance and cleansing when the sinner accepted the death of Jesus as payment for his sins.

In II Peter 1:10, Peter is admonishing his disciples to grow as a Christian by adding to their personal faith principles that cause them, as believers, to grow and become stronger Christians. Then he gives the possibility that one may not be saved. If the person is saved and added these principles in his life, he would experience joy and confidence as a Christian. If a person was not adding these principles in his life, he may question his salvation. Therefore, Peter commands believers to make sure of their calling and election.

Either way, this scripture shows that man has a part in his election. Since the Holy Spirit is the author of the Bible, we know there are no contradictions between these

two verses. God saw in eternity what man would do in time.

#### IV. GOD FORESAW EVERYTHING

Every mature believer confesses to believing that God is an all-wise God who knows everything. It is strange that the Hyper-Calvinist seems to forget this when they are trying to proselyte others to their heretical belief. They are dishonest when they use scripture to try and convert people to this false doctrine. There is no scripture that they misuse more than II Thessalonians 2:13-14. In fact, they do not use all of these two verses; they start reading verse thirteen and **stop in the middle of the verse and completely ignore verse fourteen.**

**“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: Whereunto he called**

**you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”** II Thes. 2:13-14

They stop reading at the end of the phrase, “**...God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation...**” They stop reading and then switch off by quoting what other noted scholars of the past have written. The Holy Spirit of God did not stop in the middle of the verse, but stated, “**...through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.**”

This statement indicates that God foresaw the actions of three other persons which caused Him to elect sinners to salvation.

**A. He saw the actions of the Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit worked on convicting the sinner of his sins. He continued to work on the sinner in illuminating the sinner's

understanding of his lost, condemned condition. He finally sanctified the sinner or cleansed or set the sinner apart when the sinner called upon the name of the Lord for mercy.

**B. He saw the actions of the sinner.**

The sinner had to hear “the truth” before he would be able to believe the truth. He heard that God so loved him that He gave His only Son that whosoever believeth on the Son, would not perish in hell, but have ever lasting life. When the sinner heard and the Holy Spirit illuminated his mind, he accepted Jesus as Saviour, and then God by His wondrous foreknowledge elected him to salvation.

**C. He foresaw the preaching of Paul, “Whereunto he called you by our gospel...”** Jesus said, “**If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me.**” Paul preached the “good news” unto the

Thessalonians and lifted up Christ as the only Saviour drawing them to repent of their sins and accept Jesus as their Saviour.

**God foresaw everything.** He saw the poor lost people in Thessalonica, he saw Paul lifting up the Saviour, he saw the Holy Spirit working with the sinners, and He saw the sinners believing the truth. Upon seeing everything, the means, as well as the end, He elected them to be saved.

## V. GOD'S SUMMARY OF ELECTION

Jesus, as the eternal Son of God, came into the world and was called, "The Word." We use words to reveal the thoughts of our heart. Jesus, the eternal Son of God, was sent into the world as the, "Word" in order to reveal God's love and nature to a lost and dying world.

As one follows the daily activities of Jesus' earthly ministry, it is easy to see His love for sinners. In fact, Jesus has the reputation of being "the friend to sinners."

It is also easy to observe the mobile Bible College as Jesus gave in-classroom instruction, plus on-the-job training.

After three and one-half years of seeking sinners and training saints, we finally **come to Jesus' last public service with His church.**

He emphatically commanded His church to get the gospel to every person in the whole world beginning in Jerusalem. There is nothing as disruptive to the Great Commission and missions as the horrible teaching of the Hyper-Calvinists.

It is for this reason that Jesus dealt with this issue in His last service. He does not go into a long discourse exposing the dangers of Hyper-Calvinism, no, He does what a good banker does in teaching his employees about counterfeit money. The banker teaches and shows what true currency is to the point that his employees are able to spot the counterfeit at a glance. Please note God's summary of the doctrine of Election in 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.”**

Please keep in mind that this instruction took place the very night Jesus delivered Himself to be crucified. We will break this verse up into six statements for clarification.

**A. “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you...”**

Please bear in mind that the word “chosen” could have been translated, “elected.” He could have said, “You did not elect me, but I have elected you.” The following five statements reveal why He chose them. **This is the summary of what Jesus taught His disciples over and over again.** As you read them, it is obvious that the stress Jesus gave to the doctrine is **on what they were elected to do** and not on who the elected are.

**B. “...I have chosen [elected] you, and ordained you...”**

Jesus is reminding them that they are in the world, but they are not of the world system. The Greek word for church means, “call out for a purpose.” Ordained means to appoint, decree, or establish. You are not your own, you have been bought by Jesus’ precious blood and commissioned or appointed to get the good news to every creature in the world.

**C. I have elected you “...that ye should go...”**

**D. I have elected you “...to bring forth fruit.”**

**“The fruit of the righteous [saved] is a tree [bearing fruit] of life and he that winneth souls is wise.”** The primary emphasis in the Bible is to get people saved from hell.

**E. I have elected you, “...that your fruit should remain...”**

Fruit that remains means that He trained His disciples how to keep and develop the new converts that they won. They were to get people saved and then disciple them.

**F. I have elected you to pray big prayers.**

**“...that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”**

The first time your author studied this statement, he thought, “That sounds like a blank check.”

· Whatsoever you ask . . . my Father will give it to you! After studying it more closely, I came to the conclusion that IT IS A BLANK CHECK!

The next thought that came into my mind was, “How could a person cash that blank check? What would one have to do? What are the conditions one would have to meet in order to ask God, with faith believing, to obtain what one asked for?”

As I studied more, I became convinced that Jesus was not speaking primarily to individuals, but He was talking to His church. Still, the question persisted, "What conditions must be met in order to cash this blank check?" The answer to this question is all in this one verse. Jesus is vividly refuting what is stressed by the Hyper-Calvinists by giving the clear definition and stress concerning the Doctrine of Election.

Jesus taught, I have chosen you and ordained, set you apart, you are no longer your own, you have been ordained or appointed to:

- Go
- Bear fruit or win souls
- Your fruit should remain, or follow-up on each new convert and disciple him

Based on accepting the role that you are no longer your own, but have been chosen to

do business in my name and by my authority and

- Go
- Win souls
- Disciple new converts

Then you can claim my promise and ask my Father, in my name, for "whatsoever", and have confidence He will give it to you.

The Hyper-Calvinists limit the number to be saved to just a few who are "the chosen" or "elect."

God showed the original disciples that they were to go to all the world. - - The Bible plainly states that God is not willing that any should perish. The Bible clearly states that whosoever that believeth may be saved. But how can they believe if they never hear about God's love and provision? Here, He emphasizes this truth by promising that if the church would give themselves to getting



the gospel to every creature, He would give them **whatsoever**, or unlimited resources.

God's summary of what the doctrine is all about is very clearly stated:

- You are mine – because I chose and ordained you
- You are elected to go
- You are elected to disciple the new convert
- Then, having given yourself to do these things, I, the Infinite, with all power, promise to give you whatsoever you ask – for my Son's sake

## LET'S GIVE GOD THE GLORY

One of the worst things about the Hyper-Calvinist doctrine is that **it takes the emphasis off giving God the glory and gives it to man**. Most people who are fully involved in their deep theology and their intellectual definitions and arguments do so in a way that **it reflects on man**. They may

not mean to do so, but the end result is – **“look at the brilliance of man”**. He has it all figured out, but most of them never win a soul and their church has only a token mission program. Hyper-Calvinism dries up the evangelism fever and dries up the tears for the lost and dying world. It becomes more and more introverted **until it destroys and kills**.

## THE PROPER STRESS OF ELECTION IS ON WHAT THE CHRISTIAN IS TO DO.

God created us to give Him glory and pleasure. We are not our own. We have been bought by the precious blood of Jesus. Before the foundation of the world, God chose us to live a holy and unblameable life which radiates the love of our blessed Saviour. It gives God glory and praise as we surrender to His will and go win souls,

disciple our converts, and trust [ask] Him to use us to do mighty things.

In Jesus' last message to His disciples He explained to them how to give God praise and glory. He said, "**Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit** [win many souls]..." John 15:8

That principle is still true today. We were chosen before the foundation of the world to give God glory and pleasure. There is nothing which thrills God any more than when someone leads a lost sinner to accept God's precious Son as his Saviour. All of heaven rejoices when one sinner is saved. Luke 15:7

One may impress the brethren by his great knowledge, but God gets the glory and heaven rejoices when one gets a poor lost sinner saved. Getting sinners saved from hell **is what impresses God.**

Instead of worrying about who the elected are, God would have you to do what He elected you to do. Do everything in your power to get people saved and discipled. We should not argue about it because God has, from the beginning elected us to do so.

**For a further study on Foreknowledge, election and predestination, order the authors book; Foreknowledge, election, predestination in the light of soul-winning.**

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## SUMMARY

You will now take this last week of required attendance and reread, and restudy, the entire textbook.

On or after the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) day of this final week for the course, you may submit a Password Retrieval form. Request password for, “Calvinism I. (Summary Test).” When you receive the password, you may then take the Summary lesson test. It will be an open book test. The passing score will be 100% and the test will have a 90 minute time limit. If you fail the test you cannot retake it on the same day. There is a minimum wait of one (1) day in which you are to restudy the textbook. You may then retake the test on or after the next day after failing the test. Repeat this process of: test, wait and restudy for at least one day, and then retake the test, until you receive a passing score of 100%.

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May God bless as you study,  
*Dr. T.E. VanBuskirk*

# THIS BOOK REFUTES THE HYPER-CALVINISM TEACHING OF ELECTION

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- ✓ How could God elect man before he was born?
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- ✓ God foresaw EVERYTHING
- ✓ God's Summary of election

A person who loves flowers and gardens must hate weeds and their destructive works. A person who loves evangelism and world wide missions must hate the destructive doctrines of hyper-Calvinism.



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