

BULLETIN BLANKS:

“The Doctrine of Election”
(Romans 9-11)

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Jesus is _____.

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- 2) Paul wants to use Israel’s overall rejection of Christ as a _____ for Gentiles not to fall into the same temptation of thinking that their *election* can stand apart from Christ. It cannot!

Paul Anticipates an Objection about Israel’s Lostness

Did God’s _____ for Israel fail? (Romans 9:6b-9a answers an emphatic, “No!”)

Answer: Not all who are descended from Israel are _____.

Closing Illustration of Election: (Feel free to jot down the gist of the metaphor...)

The Americans are _____.

The Foreigners are _____.

The Freed People are _____ from both Jews and Gentiles – all spiritual Israel.

Notes To Ponder

NOTE 1: The Doctrine of Elect proclaims that our personal faith was God's plan, not the result of chance. It brings absolute certainty of our salvation because God is faithful and will not change his plans, nor can his plans fail. Very simply, this doctrine teaches that Christians may confidently trust in God to preserve them in the faith through this life, because God has from eternity elected them unto salvation.

NOTE 2: This doctrine does not lead us to believe that once you're saved, you're always saved. Consider 2 Peter 1:10, "Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall..." On one hand, from Scripture we can tell any believer she/he is elect. There is no doubt. On the other hand, the Scriptures exhort Christians to "make (their) calling and election sure..." Both are true and they do not contradict each other. This is a mystery.

NOTE 3: Human reason cannot fully grasp this doctrine. Consider the following errors that our sinful human reason easily runs into on this doctrine. **Double Election:** Since some were elected to heaven, all others were elected to hell. This is false. **Election in View of Faith:** God elected those whom he knew would come to faith and not reject. They are those who rejected less than others. This too is false. **All Are Elect:** God elected all people to be saved. This is false. **God Could've Elected Everybody & I Wonder Which Nonbelievers Are Elect?** These two ideas are also false. They either reject Scripture or go beyond it.

NOTE 4: The Doctrine of Elect has been called a one-sided coin. Can you picture that? No one can, and yet this is how the Doctrine of Elect works. On the one side, God chose everyone who will be saved before the creation of the world. And he did this though none of the elect deserved it. God gets all the glory. On the other side, there is no election. God did not elect anyone to hell, but loved the whole world and desires all to be saved. And all who reject are alone to blame. This is a mystery and requires a childlike faith.

Homework: Romans 12-16

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