

# **THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD**

## **OUR DIRECT LINK TO THE INFINITE AND ETERNAL**

*The truth about our world and our salvation as revealed to us by our God!*



**SOVEREIGN ELECTION IS A POWERFUL EXPRESSION OF GOD'S MERCY AND LOVE ...**

*IF YOU ARE A BELIEVER IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD THE FATHER **CHOSE TO BE YOUR FATHER IN CHRIST** IN ETERNITY PAST.*

*"PUT THAT IN YOUR THEOLOGICAL PIPE AND SMOKE IT!"*

## OUTLINE / First Words / Part Two / THE TRUTH ABOUT ELECTION AND SALVATION

### 1. God is God and you are not.

#### A) God is the Potter—we are lumps of clay.

Whatever could cause us to think in such a way ... what foolishness and arrogance could overcome us ... what possibly could be sinister enough ... dark enough ... to cloud our minds ... and bring such confusion ... that we would believe that the finite ... the lump of clay ... could make demands of ... even sit in judgment of ... the infinite ... the Potter ...

- (Romans 9:20–21 ESV) But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?
- (1 Chronicles 17:20 ESV) There is none like you, O Lord, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
- (Isaiah 45:6 ESV) That people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.

Can it be anything but God’s great love and rich mercy that he even showed up in the Garden of Eden on the day of the great rebellion to give Adam and Eve hope ... the first promise of salvation? What could it be other than the tender mercy of God that he would tell them anything at all ... Would not God have been justified in leaving them (and us) completely and totally in the dark?

But God had compassion and chose to save some ... And we claim foul ... unfair ... Why is that? **What underlies that persistent grumbling that God is not fair? Because many—including many who name the name of Christ—cannot bring themselves to acknowledge their total depravity.** It is too much for proud hearts to view themselves as totally undeserving sinners before a holy God.

Do you know why many people accuse God ... judge God ... call out ... “unfair God” ... “unjust God” ... do you know why? **Because underneath it all they believe it is not fair that God sits in judgment of everyone. That there is some good in everyone.** Where does that come from? Not from God.

*Here are my direct links ...*

- (Romans 3:10–12 ESV) As it is written: “None

is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

- (John 3:36 ESV) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

*So remember our deal ... If you disagree or doubt the information from my direct links, then you are to reveal your sources.*

#### B) God is infinite.

God is infinite, and we are not.

**Westminster shorter catechism ... Question 4: What is God? Answer: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

**Infinite means ...** limitless or endless in space, extent, or size; without limits; impossible to measure or calculate; immeasurably great; indefinitely or exceedingly great; unlimited or unmeasurable in extent of space, duration of time; having no boundaries or limits.

**Infinite means ...** extending indefinitely; immeasurably or inconceivably great or extensive; inexhaustible; subject to no limitation or external determination; extending beyond, lying beyond.

**Infinite means ...** having no limits or boundaries in time or space or extent or magnitude.

Infinite describes God ... God is infinite ...

#### C) We are not infinite.

**We are finite ... and finite means ...** something with an end; having limits or bounds; limited; existing, persisting, or enduring for a limited time only; impermanent; having definite or definable limits; having a limited nature or existence; having an end; not infinite; measurable.

**God reveals to us in his word that the finite (the creation, the lump of clay) is to bow before and worship the infinite (the Creator, the Potter) ... here are my direct links ...**

- (Psalm 29:2 ESV) Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- (Psalm 95:6–7a ESV) Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before

the LORD, our Maker! 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

- (Psalm 99:5 ESV) Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!
- (Psalm 145:3 ESV) Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
- (Isaiah 40:28 ESV) Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
- (Ephesians 3:8 ESV) To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.
- (Psalm 113:4–6 ESV) The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, 6 who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
- (Revelation 1:8 ESV) “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”
- (Psalm 147:5 NASB95) Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.
- (Psalm 90:2 ESV) Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

*More [direct links](#) available ... smile ...*

## **2. God who is God-infinite and eternal God, the only God-reveals to us in his written word that election plays a vital and overarching role in his salvation plan.**

We need to accept God’s point-of-emphasis. The role of election is an all-embracing and overarching factor in our salvation which provides a strong foundation and motivation for our growth, service and worship.

- (1 Peter 1:1a–2a ESV) Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles ... according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood.

### **A) We need to accept and embrace the biblical teaching of election as doctrinally**

### **foundational and powerfully practical.**

Look at the powerful, foundational truths overviewed here in verse two: 1) God the Father chose us. 2) The Spirit sets us apart in and for God’s holy purpose. 3) The result being that the redemptive work of Christ brings obedience and cleansing. All the work of God coming about from the plan and purpose of the divine council in eternity past of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### **B) We need to embrace the theological truth and the emotional significance of being chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.**

- i) The God who is doing the choosing is infinite and eternal. *This should give us great confidence in his decisions.*
- (Romans 11:33 ESV) Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
- i) The God who is doing the choosing chose to be our Father. *This should give us tremendous insight into the depth of his great love for us.*
- (Ephesians 3:18–19 ESV) May have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Jobe ...** Peter describes his readers’ relationship to God by referring to him as God the Father. ... With this prepositional phrase, “chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,” Peter reminds his readers that the God who took the initiative in their lives has drawn them into an intimate, loving, and redemptive relationship with him, but also one in which God claims supreme authority over their lives. [Jobes, K. H. (2005). *1 Peter* (p. 69). *Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.*]

### **C) We need to learn of the comprehensive nature of our election in/by/through the sanctifying work of the Spirit.**

- (1 Peter 1:2a ESV) According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood.
- (Philippians 1:6 ESV) And I am sure of this,

that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- (Philippians 2:13 ESV) For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**D) We need to learn of the comprehensive nature of our election which results in our obedience to Jesus Christ and cleansing through his blood.**

**Schreiner ...** The foreknowing work of God and the sanctifying action of the Spirit result in human obedience and the sprinkling of Christ's blood. [Schreiner, T. R. (2003). 1, 2 Peter, Jude (Vol. 37, pp. 55-56). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.]

- (Romans 1:5-6 ESV) Through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring

about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, 6 including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

- (Romans 16:25-27 ESV) Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26 but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

**CONCLUSION: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.**

**THE DEADLY COMBINATION THAT "SEEMS RIGHT"**

**THINKING  
"INSIDE THE BOX"**

**THE NATURAL MIND** THAT IS UNABLE TO COMPREHEND SPIRITUAL TRUTH (SEE 1 CORINTHIANS 2:14)

**THE LIES OF THE DEVIL**  
(SEE JOHN 8:43-44)

**THE BLACK BOX**  
BLINDNESS AND DARKNESS ...

THE SO-CALLED RATIONAL,  
REASONABLE THINKING OF FALLEN,  
SINFUL HUMANS

**FREEWILL  
FREE THINKING**

**OUR CORRUPTED CONSCIENCE**—THE TWISTING EFFECTS OF THE REBELLION AND FALL OF ADAM AND EVE UNDERMINING OUR INHERENT STANDARD OF MORALITY (SEE ROMANS 2:14-16)