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## ELECTION

The Greek word *ekh·lo·yeen* rendered “election”, denotes the act of choosing or selecting. A common example of election is that of a political campaign, wherein voters make a choice between candidates based on some cause or criteria as the basis for the selection. Unlike this conditionally based selection, God’s divine and unconditional election entails His sovereign choice, wherein the elect or selected ones are positionally placed into an eternal favorable relationship with Him without any conditions effectuated by those elected. This position of favor is based solely on His will, plan and purpose. In essence, there is no criteria used other than the fact that God is sovereign. However one thing is certain, election is not based on anything that is supplied, attributed or contributed by man himself. God was not influenced by mankind’s thoughts or deeds in His act of election or selection. This is verified by the fact that election occurred in eternity when none were present other than God to provide any input (Ephesians 1:4; 2Thessalonians 2:13).

Election to salvation and service is unconditional and independent from the actions or responses of mankind. There are no requirements or expectations extractable from the one(s) chosen, thus its determination is solely indeterminate of its recipient before and after the act. One’s initial association with salvation is linked to a period before the creation of the world, thus election is

a completed work pre-assignable to created vessels of mercy (Romans 9:23). Those who are not elected to salvation and service are pre-assigned to created vessels of wrath (Romans 9:21). The distinction between these two designations of mankind has nothing to do with anything inherent in either group, thus it is made before either is afforded the opportunity to manifest good or evil (Romans 9:21-24).

Election is exclusively the sovereign choice of God, this holds true beginning with eternity, through the progression of time and into eternity. At no point does the choice of the relationship of salvation rest in the control of depraved mankind. There are no instances whatsoever wherein the actions of men serve as motivational incentives for God to respond in the saving of souls. God is unmoved in His selection of those who are preferred by Him, outside of Himself. Election is not in any sense that which is internally precipitated by its recipient but it is externally decreed without any consideration of any act of the one(s) chosen. See: "Who Are God's Elect".