

## **ELECTION IS ALWAYS TO SERVICE**

**The Bible does not say that God looked ahead in time to see who would believe in Jesus and then choose that person for eternal life.**

**The Bible does not say that God chooses some people to receive eternal life, while leaving all others to their own demise.**

**Election is never a choosing of a person to eternal life. Election is the choosing of a person or a group to a task of service for God's glory.**

**In Ephesians chapter 1, God chooses born again believers to the task of being holy and blameless. Individuals who are "in Christ" are chosen for a certain purpose or task. Election has nothing to do with being chosen to eternal life.**

**All Israelites were the chosen people of God. But not all Israelites have eternal life. All Israel was elect, but not all Israelites had eternal life. Romans 9:4; 10: 1-3**

**Abraham was elected to a task. Genesis 12:1-3**

**Christ was elected to a task. Matthew 12:18**

**All people who were in Abraham through Isaac were chosen to a task. Romans 9:4,5**

**All people who are in Christ are chosen to a task. Ephesians 1:4**

**To be chosen is not to be elected to eternal life. To be chosen is to be elected to a task.**

**Judas was chosen, not to eternal life, but to fulfil a certain purpose. John 6:70**

**Judas had opportunity to come to eternal life in Christ, but Judas chose not to. The fact that God knew what Judas would do did not make God author of the sin of Judas.**

**Religious leaders and the Roman government nailed Jesus to a cross. God allowed this atrocity to fulfil a greater purpose of allowing one Man to die for all men. The fact that God knew men would nail Jesus to a cross did not make God the author of their sin. Sinless Jesus died in order to condemn sin to its utter destruction. Sin killed the sinless Jesus. Romans 8:3**

**The resurrected Jesus has been given the right to remove all sin and death from creation.**

**John 5:22**

**Salvation includes justification, sanctification, and glorification. Only those who are "in Christ" are chosen to salvation. Salvation is being chosen to a task and service to the glory of God.**

**To be saved to eternal life is by grace through faith. Ephesians 2:8**

**To have salvation is to participate in a task and a service for the glory of God which includes inheritance, position, adoption, holiness, and riches of His grace. Ephesians 1,2**

**Before time began, God chose for salvation those He saw in His "eternal now" to be persuaded to freely accept His grace in Christ Jesus. This does not say that God chose an individual to eternal life. It says God chose for salvation those who accept His grace in Christ Jesus. Remember, salvation is justification, sanctification, and glorification for those who are "in Christ."**

**To be chosen “in Christ” means that we must exercise faith in order to receive salvation. There is a condition for our receiving salvation. That condition is faith in Jesus, believing Jesus, and relying entirely upon Jesus for His salvation.**