

Lesson 14: Predestination & Election

Introduction

We Christians realize that the most important parts of our lives are those that make an impact for eternity. The study of God and his relations to, purposes for, and work within the created universe- Matters! Welcome to our Link Group where we focus on biblical small groups grounded in the teachings of the bible. Our goal is to ground biblical believers and to develop disciples that make disciplines!

Predestination, Divine choice, and human responsibility are not enemies. They stand side by side in Scripture, as friends rather than opponents.

Main Content

WHAT IS PREDESTINATION & ELECTION?

Predestination means to choose beforehand. It refers to God's foreknowledge and advance decision.

Election means to pick or choose. Christians differ on how God makes these decisions.

15 FACTS ABOUT PREDESTINATION

1. Manifestation of God's love – Deuteronomy 4:37; 7:6-8; Ephesians 1:4-5.
2. A blessing of God – Psalm 65:4.
3. Witnessed in Acts – Acts 2:47; 11:18; 11:21-23; 13:48.
4. Given by the Father to Christ – John 6:37; 6:39; 17:2.
5. They are His sheep – John 10:14.
6. Christ prayed for them – John 17:9.
7. Drawn by the Father – John 6:44, 65.
8. Given eternal life – John 10:28; 17:2.
9. Kept by Christ – John 6:39; 10:28.
10. Predestined to glory – Romans 8:29-30.
11. God's eternal plan – Ephesians 1:5-6; 4:13.
12. According to grace – 1 Timothy 1:9; Ephesians 1:4-6; Romans 9:11.

13. Not by works – Ephesians 2:1; John 15:19; Romans 9:11.

14. Reveals God's love – Ephesians 1:4-6.

15. Make election sure – 2 Peter 1:5-7.

Sources

New Bible Dictionary; Table Talk; MacArthur Study Bible; The Sovereignty of God.

Conclusion

Predestination and election reveal God's sovereign love and grace. They work together with human responsibility.

These doctrines help us depend fully on God's mercy.

Link Questions

1. Why do you think people doubt their salvation?

2. Do you believe Christ's blood is sufficient for your salvation?

3. Can anything separate us from the love of God?