

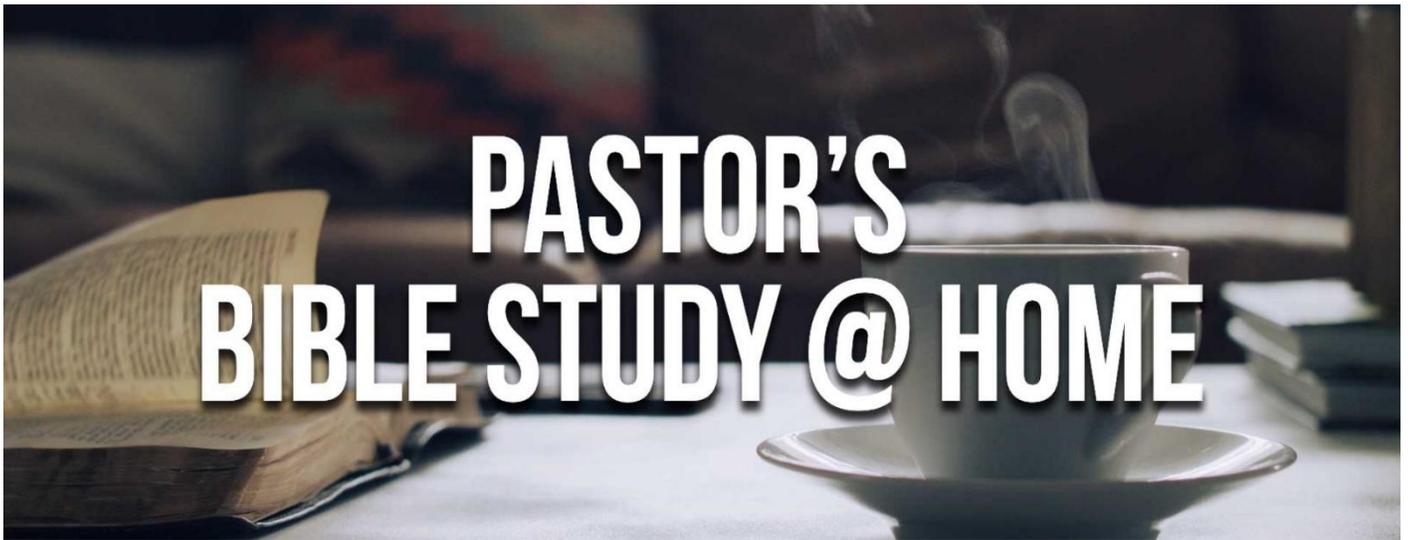


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**Tuesday, November 9, 2021  
Online Bible Study**

## I. COMMENTS ABOUT THE PRIOR STUDY SUBJECT

# What Did You Learn?



## II. INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLICAL DOCTRINE OF ELECTION

### A. What is “doctrine?”

What is doctrine?

- The word ‘doctrine’ is derived from Latin
- Basically means ‘teaching’ or ‘what is taught’; Latin for ‘teacher’ is ‘doc-tor’
- Refers to principles, tenets, or dogma
- Can refer to a system of religious belief, or components of that system

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### B. All Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation, should have an understanding of at least these basic doctrines:

1. The doctrine of God
2. The doctrine of Jesus Christ
3. The doctrine of the Holy Spirit
4. The doctrine of Man/Humanity
5. The doctrine of Salvation (soteriology)
6. The doctrine of The Church

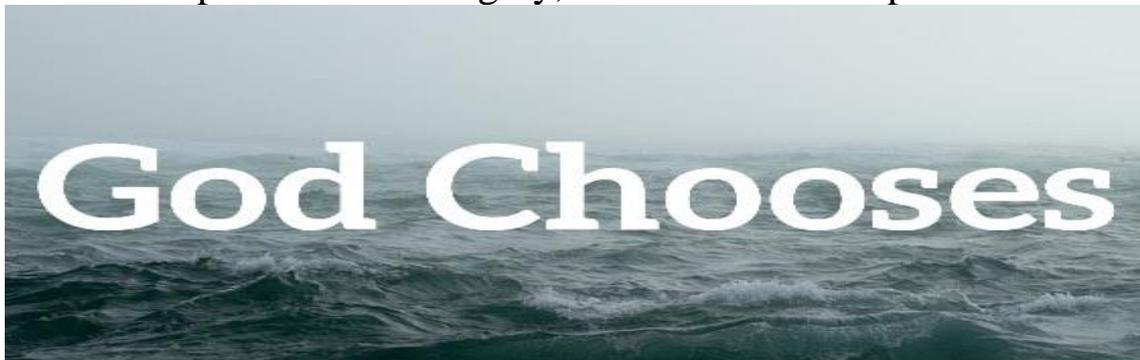
7. The doctrine of the Holy Scriptures/The Bible
  8. The doctrine of Angels
  9. The doctrine of Satan/the devil/evil
  10. The doctrine of Last Things/Eschatology
- C. There are many other doctrines/teachings related to our faith/and-or denomination that we need to know:
1. What is the doctrine related to the sacraments (Baptism, Holy Communion)?
  2. What is the doctrine related to being married/unmarried/divorced?
  3. What is the doctrine related to sex and sexuality?
  4. What is the doctrine related to alcohol and drugs?
  5. What is the doctrine related to civic engagement and social justice?
  6. What is the doctrine related to money (giving, saving, spending)?
  7. What is the doctrine related to exercising the gifts of the Holy Spirit (speaking in tongues, interpreting tongues)?
  8. What is the doctrine related to worship and/or praise?
  9. What is the doctrine related to free will?

**All of these doctrinal teachings and more are based on one's understanding and interpretation of what is in the Bible!**

## **HOW DO YOU READ IT?**

### **III. THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION**

1. Understanding this doctrine begins with understanding the sovereignty of God.
2. If we accept God's sovereignty, we must then accept the fact that:



3. “God chooses people based on God’s own purposes and God’s desire to show grace to undeserving sinners.”
4. “God chooses to save some, and, by necessity, if He does not choose everyone, then there are some who are passed over. Those whom He has chosen to save are referred to as “[the elect](#).”

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he<sup>[b]</sup> predestined us for adoption to sonship<sup>[c]</sup> through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. – Ephesians 1:3-6

#### IV. A RELATED BIBLICAL DOCTRINE: THE DOCTRINE OF PREDESTINATION

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who<sup>[i]</sup> have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. – Romans 8:28-30

	<b>John Calvin*</b> Foundation laid by Augustine	<b>John Wesley</b> Foundation laid by Arminius
<b>T</b>	<b>Total Depravity</b> - Human beings are so affected by the negative consequences of original sin that they are incapable of being righteous, and are always and unchangeably sinful; human freedom is totally enslaved by sin so we can only choose evil.	<b>Deprivation</b> - Human beings are sinful and without God, incapable (deprived) on their own of being righteous; however, they are not irredeemably sinful and can be transformed by God’s grace; God’s prevenient grace restores to humanity the freedom of will.
<b>U</b>	<b>Unconditional Election</b> - Since human beings cannot choose for themselves, God by His eternal decree has chosen or elected some to be counted as righteous, without any conditions being placed on that election.	<b>Conditional Election</b> - God has chosen that all humanity be righteous by His grace, yet has called us to respond to that grace by exercising our God-restored human freedom as a condition of fulfilling election.
<b>L</b>	<b>Limited Atonement</b> - The effects of the Atonement, by which God forgave sinful humanity, are limited only to those whom He has chosen.	<b>Unlimited Atonement</b> - The effects of the Atonement are freely available to all those whom He has chosen, which includes all humanity, "whosoever will."
<b>I</b>	<b>Irresistible Grace</b> - The grace that God extends to human beings to effect their election cannot be refused, since it has been decreed by God.	<b>Resistible Grace</b> - God’s grace is free and offered without merit; however, human beings have been granted freedom by God and can refuse His grace.
<b>P</b>	<b>Perseverance of the Saints</b> - Since God has decreed the elect, and they cannot resist grace, they are unconditionally and eternally secure in that election.	<b>Assurance and Security</b> - There is security in God’s grace that allows assurance of salvation, but that security is in relation to continued faithfulness; we can still defiantly reject God.

## V. GOD MADE MANY CHOICES IN THE BIBLE. THIS ONE USUALLY GENERATES THE MOST DISCUSSION

When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you—<sup>2</sup> and when the LORD your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally.<sup>[a]</sup> Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.<sup>3</sup> Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons,<sup>4</sup> for they will turn your children away from following me to serve other gods, and the LORD's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you.<sup>5</sup> This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles<sup>[b]</sup> and burn their idols in the fire.<sup>6</sup> **For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.**<sup>7</sup> **The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.**<sup>8</sup> **But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.**<sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.<sup>10</sup> But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him.<sup>11</sup> Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today.

## VI. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S ELECTION/CHOICES

1. God initiates the choice.
2. The purpose of the choice is salvation.
3. Not everyone chosen will accept being chosen, and thus, reject God. There is personal responsibility involved.
4. People are not elected/predestined to be lost. Each person who hears the gospel has the opportunity to respond.

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.

John 15:16



## VII. VIDEO ON CALVINISM VS. ARMINIANISM

## VIII. NEXT WEEK: THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION (SOTERIOLOGY)

Join us on the St. Matthew Prayer Line daily at 6 am & 9:30 pm.

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