

CALVINISM AND ARMINIANISM #4 - CONDITIONAL ELECTION

1 PETER 1:1-5

Arminians teach God's election is based upon His foreknowledge. He "chooses" everyone whom He knew would, of their own free will, respond to the Gospel and choose Christ.

I. THE ELECT

A. MARK 13:22 - "if it were possible"

1. Why isn't it possible - if meaning Salvation?
2. Those who are Saved have the mind of Christ
3. Remember: Elect is a RESULT not a CONDITION!

B. EPH. 1:3-5 - Parse out the sentence:

1. When did He choose? (Before the foundation...)
2. What did He choose? (All to be holy/blameless)
3. Who did He predestinate? (Saved people VS. 1)

C. ROM. 8:28-29 - "...conformed to the image of His Son"

1. Current state or future state? (future)
2. Has anyone here received a glorified body yet?
3. Not about my past (Salvation) but my future!

II. ARMINIAN ERROR

A. Misunderstands the meaning of election / foreordained

1. EPH. 1:4 - Us? A people? No! (Jews/Gentiles)
2. 1 PETER 2:9-10 - In time past not a people
3. Comparing Scripture with Scripture, not isolated

B. Makes salvation "works" based - 2 THESS. 2:13

1. If elect means special group, then we earn it
2. If elect means results, then He conforms after

C. Denies 2 PETER 3:9 - Not willing ANY should perish

1. Arminian election still elects some to hell
2. The "condition" is His foreknowledge
3. Misunderstands the creation of TIME itself
4. FALSE DICHOTOMY! Both choices are bad options!

III. WHOSOEVER WILL

A. Compare JOHN 6:44 and JOHN 12:32-33

1. No one can come except they be drawn
2. BUT all are drawn because Christ was lifted up!

B. ACTS 17:30 "commandeth all men every where to repent"

Conclusion: Arminians misinterpret Scripture. Election refers to the RESULTS of Salvation, NOT the candidate for Salvation.