

1 Pet 1:2 *elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you and peace be multiplied.*

ELECT; ELECTION; CHOSEN

Here, at **GraceRiver**, we do **NOT** believe or teach that some are ordained to be saved and others are denied the Grace of God. We **DO NOT** believe in a **'limited Atonement'** as many teach and proclaim. We believe **'whosoever will'** means whosoever will, period. Again, we do not believe one person is chosen to be saved and another is denied that opportunity.

We believe in the **Sovereignty of God**, and also that man is a FREE moral agent and that the two DO NOT conflict with each other.

There is no teaching in the Bible that man is saved by God's choice alone; there must also be the choice of the individual to meet God's terms of salvation (through Faith supplied by the Spirit).

It is the **PLAN OF GOD** that is elected, chosen, foreknown, and pre-determined and **NOT** the individual that is pre destined to conform to the plan. It is the **plan** or **purpose** and **NOT** the person.

The **Plan** is the same for **ALL** alike and everyone is invited, chosen, elected and pre destined to salvation, without exception on the sole basis of the individual's choice and **total conformity the Truth of the Gospel**, to the end of their life or they will be lost and there is no exception. If any person stays in his unbelief, then he forfeits his opportunity to participate in God's Plan. **Salvation is by Grace through Faith**. If I shift my Faith from God's plan to some other plan --- I will be lost --- (faith that brought me will keep me in but, if I have the wrong object of my Faith, I will not possess what God planned for ALL. If I quit believing that God's plan is the only way, then I forfeit what I originally possessed, it will be because of my choice and not God's choice. **Heb 6:4-6**. read.

God's plan of Salvation was completed before the foundation of the earth, **1Pet.1:19-20** (**Jesus Christ and Him Crucified**) and whosoever by Faith meets His terms will be saved.

God loved Jacob and hated Esau. would God have said the same thing about Jacob if he had acted toward God the same as Esau acted toward God?

GOD CHOSE THE PLAN ---- THEN CREATED HIS PEOPLE. HIS PEOPLE HAVE TO MEET HIS PLAN.

IN HIM is the key to the **Doctrine of Grace!!!!**

Determine the “What” and the ‘Who’”

Eph 1:4-14 **He hath chosen us in Him** ...(the Plan) before the foundation of the world, (when) (outcome of the plan being In Christ) (purpose) that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

5. having predestined us to be His own adopted (what is predestined is how we enter into His family) (purpose of predestination is for us to be) children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will (Grace)

6. to the praise (what we are to do) of the glory of His Grace, wherein He hath made us accepted (how) in His Beloved (Jesus Christ and Him Crucified) :

7. in Whom we have redemption through His blood (the Cross), the forgiveness of sins (with no guilt or punishment), according to the riches of His Grace,

8. wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence.

9. He hath made known unto us (Truth of The Gospel) the mystery of His will (ALL to be saved) , according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself,

10. that in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth, even in Him.

11. In Christ (only way the plan works) also we have obtained an inheritance, (inheritance is what was predestined, not the person) being predestined according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will,

12. that we, who first trusted in Christ, should be to the praise of His glory.

13. In Christ ye also trusted (our part of salvation) after (must hear the Truth first) ye heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation, in Whom also after ye believed (our part; hear and Believe)

....., ye were sealed (sealed as long as I maintain my Faith in Who brought me in) (peter vs,) with that holy Spirit of promise
14. which is the pledge of our inheritance (as long as I continue to Trust and believe; this is how the inheritance was first produced for my benefit) until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.

If you accept pre destination as the means of your salvation then the Cross and the Blood shed for my sins and my Faith in the Finished work of Christ is removed as my means of salvation. Cross is of no effect. **Gal 5:2-4**

Jesus came as a Savior of the World, not because He was forced, but His will was to do the will of the Father. We are saved, not by force, but by Faith! Just as He was not forced, we are not either.

According to the foreknowledge of God

According to the foreknowledge of God. Their election and salvation was in accordance with God's predetermined purpose to save men through the Gospel, and hence, according to foreknowledge. **Gen. 3:15** God shared His plan with man that had already been established, before time begin.

1Pet.1:18-20 *For ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, from your vain way of living which ye received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, 20 who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.*

God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

God's decree for man's salvation always operates through sanctification of the Spirit and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus.

The true predestination, or fore-appointment of God is,

1. He that believeth shall be saved from the guilt and power of sin.
2. He that is steadfast to the end shall be saved eternally.
3. They who **receive** the precious gift of faith, thereby become the sons of God; and, being sons, they shall receive (potential) the Spirit of holiness to walk as Christ also walked.

Predestination implies neither faith, peace, nor purity. It is something that will do without them all. Faith is no longer, according to the modern predestination scheme, a divine "evidence of things not seen," brought about in the soul by the immediate power of the Holy Ghost. Faith is no longer a means of holiness; but something that will do without it

Through SANCTIFICATION of the Spirit

Though not to the exclusion of the Son and Spiritbut by Grace

Define: Sanctify; sanctified; sanctification. Used 143 x in Scripture; 111 in OT and 32 in NT.

Primary definition: To set apart from other uses to the particular use of God, ***not to cleanse from sin or rid of carnal nature or (old man or sin nature).***

To separate from a profane to a sacred use; to consecrate self wholly to God and His service.

The primary meaning is separation, not making Holy!

It means to make holy only when the person or thing sanctified needs to be cleansed (washed) from sin or defilement in order to be fit to be separated unto God and His service.

1 COR 6:11 *And such were some of you. But ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

Human are 'sanctified', set apart for service BEFORE I am Justified. As I yield to the wooing of the Spirit, He 'sanctifies' me; sets me apart for service and this process continues until I die.

My **Position (In Christ)** and MY **Condition** (as He continues my setting apart) unto the Will of the Father are different.
Day is sanctified **Gen 2:3**; a fast **Joel 1:14**; others

Man and God work together in the setting apart process (sanctify), for man is the one who decides (by his free moral agency) to sanctify himself to God.

That being set apart from the rest of this wicked world, through the working of the Holy Spirit, they should be consecrated to God.

In sanctification of the spirit. This is the means by which they (we) become elect.

They (we) were and are separated from the world by **The Word of The Truth of The Gospel, Col 1:5**, the Word of the Spirit, a sanctification which signifies "a setting apart to holy uses."

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John 17:17-19 *Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth. 18. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.*

Rev 5:6 *And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and the four living beings, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth.*

If either the **Cross** or the **Holy Spirit** is left out of our teaching, it is **NOT The Truth of The Gospel.**

OBEDIENCE

Unless a person be sanctified by the Spirit, and sprinkled with the **Blood of Jesus**, there will be no true obedience in the life.

The Blood **MUST** be applied to our heart (Sacrifice is the object of our faith), just as Israel **HAD** to apply the blood of **A lamb** to their door, we **APPLY** Blood of **THE Lamb** to our hearts

They were thus separated **unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ**. In obeying this they were "baptized into the death of Christ" (**Rom. 6:1-4**), and their sins were forgiven. The sanctification in this case precedes obedience and pardon.

GRACE AND PEACE

The salutation follows: ***Grace unto you, and peace be multiplied***. The blessings desired for them are ***grace and peace***. **1. Grace**—the FREE favour of God, with all its proper effects, pardoning, healing, assisting, and saving. **2. Peace**. All sorts of peace may be here intended, domestic, civil, ecclesiastical peace in the church, and spiritual peace with God, with the feeling of it in our own consciences.

We can Grow in Grace, **2 Pet. 3:18**

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