

## The Eternal Purpose of Grace

- I. Definition

Abstract of Principles - Election is God's eternal choice of some persons unto everlasting life—not because of foreseen merit in them, but of His mere mercy in Christ—in consequence of which choice, they are called justified and glorified.

Baptist Faith and Message

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- II. Christ, Grace, the Divine Prerogative, and the Crowd
  - A. At the beginning of his ministry Luke 4:16-32
  - B. At the Height of Popularity
  - C. In the Throes of Hostile Rejection - Matthew 11:20-30; Luke 10:11-22
  - D. In His prayer for His People - John 17:2 “All whom you have given Him;” 6 “To the men whom You gave me”
- III. The Apostolic Context
  - A. Peter - 1 Peter 1:1-5; cf 17-21; 2 Peter 1:10
  - B. Paul -Ephesians 1:3,11; Romans 8:28-30, 33;1 Thessalonians 1:3-5; 2 Thess 2:13, 14
  - C. Summary
    1. There is a doctrine of election and it is unto salvation
    2. There is a people set apart by Him
    3. All of these blessings are found in Christ
    4. The blessings, in Christ are determined to be the possession of his people before the foundation of the world [Matthew 13:35; 25:34; John 17:24;Lk 11:50; Hebrews 4:3; Hebrews 9:26; 1 Peter 1:20; Revelation 13:8; 17:8]
    5. These blessings are given unconnected to prior conditions but with a view to establish holiness
    6. Built on Eternal love
- IV. Historical Affirmation
  - A. George Whitefield
  - B. Spurgeon preached
- V. Motives to Reject
- VI. Implications of Rejection