DOCTRINE OF ELECTION, PREDESTINATION AND FOREORDINATION REFUTED

ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED?

IS GOD SO CRUEL TO SELECT ONLY A CERTAIN GROUP OF PEOPLE AND SEND THE REST TO HELL ETERNALLY?

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Preface

YHWH “God” has called us to do two things. First, we are to never give up studying and seeking the correct interpretation of any given Bible passage. Second, such opportunities are golden moments for us to learn to show grace and love to others whose understanding of a given passage may differ from ours.

Throughout the HRTI's teachings we use a slightly different vocabulary to that which some might be accustomed. We have chosen to use what many refer to as a Messianic vocabulary. The reasons being: Firstly, using Hebraic-sounding words is another way to help you associate with the Hebraic Roots of your faith. Secondly, these words are not merely an outward show for us, they are truly an expression of who we are as Messianic Jews and Gentiles who have "taken hold" of our inheritance with Israel.

Instead of saying "Jesus," we call our Saviour "Y’shua," the way His parents would have addressed Him in Hebrew. In addition, rather than referring to Y’shua as "Christ," we use the word "Messiah," which is an Anglicized version of the Hebrew word, Moshiach.

"Yahovah" is the name of God in Hebrew, where it is written as four consonants (YHWH or YHVH, as the W and V is derived from the same Hebrew letter ‘Vaw’). These four letters are called the Tetragrammaton (Greek for "[a word] having four letters). Jews ceased to use the name in the Greco-Roman period, replacing it with the common noun Elohim, “God,” to demonstrate the universal sovereignty of Israel’s God over all others; at the same time, the divine name was increasingly regarded as too sacred to be uttered, and was replaced in spoken ritual by the word Adonai (“My Lord”). From about the 6th to the 10th century the Masoretes, Jewish scholars who were the first to add vowels to the text of the Hebrew Bible, used the vowel signs of the Hebrew words Adonai or Elohim as the vowels for YHWH, and later on the artificial name Jehovah was produced. Christian scholars and translators after the Renaissance and Reformation periods replaced the sacred name YHWH with GOD and LORD (all in capital letters in the Bible); which was a strategic move of Satan as to not using the Name. The Sacred Name occurs 6,828 times in the Hebrew text of the Bible, proving YHWH wants us to use it.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, biblical scholars again began to use the form Yahweh; and it is now the conventional usage in biblical scholarship, but leading Hebrew Scholars suggest YHWH should be pronounced as Yah-oH-VaH (Y’shua is derived from YaH-shuvah which means YaH saves).
Oh God, why did you not choose me?

Introduction

Calvinism teaches that each individual was unconditionally predestined or foreordained by God's sovereign decree before the world began. This predestination or foreordination is unconditional, having nothing to do with the will, choice, obedience, or character of the individual. Those who are saved and destined to eternal life are said to be "elect."

The alternative to Calvin's view of unconditional election would be free will or free moral agency - the doctrine that salvation is conditional and each individual has a choice whether or not to meet the conditions of forgiveness.

Which view does the Bible teach? (This booklet must be read in context with the "Christian Foundational Teaching – Your Identity" booklet. You need to understand what Y'shua meant in Matt 15:24 and this booklet explains it clearly).

Background

John Calvin (10 July 1509 – 27 May 1564) was an influential French theologian and pastor during the Protestant Reformation. He was a principal figure in the development of the system of Christian theology later called Calvinism. Originally trained as a humanist lawyer, he broke from the Roman Catholic Church around 1530. After religious tensions provoked a violent uprising against Protestants in France, Calvin fled to Basel, Switzerland, where in 1536 he published the first edition of his seminal work, Institutes of the Christian Religion.

In that year, Calvin was invited by William Farel to help reform the church in Geneva. The city council resisted the implementation of Calvin and Farel's ideas, and both men were expelled. At the invitation of Martin Bucer, Calvin proceeded to Strasbourg, where he became the minister of a church of French refugees. He continued to support the reform movement in Geneva, and was eventually invited back to lead its church.

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1 The Protestant Reformation was the European Christian reform movement that established Protestantism as a constituent branch of contemporary Christianity; it began in 1517, when Martin Luther published The Ninety-Five Theses, and concluded in 1648, with the Peace of Westphalia that ended one hundred thirty-one years of consequent European religious wars. The name Protestant was derived from the fact that they "protested" against the Roman Catholic Church.

2 Calvinism is also called the Reformed tradition, the Reformed faith or Reformed theology. The system is best known for its doctrines of predestination and total depravity, stressing the absolute sovereignty of God.
Following his return, he introduced new forms of church government and liturgy, despite the opposition of several powerful families in the city who tried to curb his authority. During this period, Michael Servetus, a Spaniard known for his heretical views, arrived in Geneva. He was denounced by Calvin and executed by the city council. Following an influx of supportive refugees and new elections to the city council, Calvin's opponents were forced out. Calvin spent his final years promoting the Reformation both in Geneva and throughout Europe.

Calvin was a tireless polemic³ and apologetic⁴ writer who generated much controversy. He wrote commentaries on most books of the Bible as well as theological treatises and confessional documents, and he regularly gave sermons throughout the week in Geneva. Calvin was influenced by the Augustinian tradition⁵, which led him to expound the doctrine of predestination and the absolute sovereignty of God in salvation.

Calvin's writing and preaching provided the seeds for the branch of theology that bears his name. The Presbyterian and other Reformed churches, which look to Calvin as a chief expositor of their beliefs, have

³ A polemic is an argument or controversy made against one opinion, doctrine, or system, in support of another or a person who engages in such disputes. A polemic usually addresses serious matters of religious, philosophical, political, or scientific importance. A polemic is often written specifically to dispute or refute a position or theory that is widely accepted. The word is derived from the Greek word polemikos (πολεμικός), which means "warlike," "hostile".

⁴ Christian apologetics is a field of Christian theology that aims to present a rational basis for the Christian faith, defend the faith against objections, and expose the perceived flaws of other world views.

⁵ “Augustine of Hippo” (Latin: Aurelius Augustinus Hipponensis;) (November 13, 354 – August 28, 430), Bishop of Hippo Regius, also known as Augustine or St. Austin, was a Romanized Berber philosopher and theologian. Augustine, a Latin church father, is one of the most important figures in the development of Western Christianity. He "established anew the ancient faith" (conditor antiquae rursum fidei), according to his contemporary, Jerome. In his early years he was heavily influenced by Manichaeism and afterwards by the Neo-Platonism of Plotinus, but after his conversion and baptism (387), he developed his own approach to philosophy and theology accommodating a variety of methods and different perspectives. He believed that the grace of Christ was indispensable to human freedom and framed the concepts of original sin and just war. When the Roman Empire in the West was starting to disintegrate, Augustine developed the concept of the Church as a spiritual City of God (in a book of the same name) distinct from the material City of Man. His thought profoundly influenced the medieval worldview. Augustine's City of God was closely identified with the church, and was the community which worshipped God. Augustine was born in the city of Thagaste, the present day Souk Ahras, Algeria, to a pagan father named Patricius and a Catholic mother named Monica. He was educated in North Africa and resisted his mother's pleas to become Christian. Living as a pagan intellectual, he took a concubine and became a Manichean. Later he converted to Catholicism, became a bishop, and opposed heresies, such as the belief that people can have the ability to choose to be good to such a degree as to merit salvation without divine aid (Pelagianism).” - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augustine_of_Hippo
spread throughout the world. Calvin's thought exerted considerable influence over major religious figures and entire religious movements, such as Puritanism.

One of the fundamental doctrines of Calvinism is "unconditional election," also known as predestination or foreordination. Consider these quotes from the Westminster Confession:

"God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass: ... By the decree of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and angels are predestinated unto everlasting life, and others foreordained to everlasting death. These angels and men, thus predestinated and foreordained, are particularly and unchangeably designed: and their number is so certain and definite that it cannot be either increased or diminished. Those of mankind that are predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to his eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of his will, hath chosen in Christ, unto everlasting glory, out of his free grace and love alone, without any foresight of faith or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving him thereunto ... The rest of mankind God was pleased ... to ordain them to dishonor and wrath for their sin ..." - Chap. III, p 1-7.

"All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ ... This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from any thing at all foreseen in man, who is

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6 "A Puritan of 16th and 17th-century England was an associate of any number of religious groups advocating for more "purity" of worship and doctrine, as well as personal and group piety. Puritans felt that the English Reformation had not gone far enough, and that the Church of England was tolerant of practices which they associated with the Catholic Church. The word "Puritan" was originally an alternate term for "Cathar" and was a pejorative term used to characterize them as extremists similar to the Cathari of France. Although the Puritans were under the influence of radicals critical of Zwingli in Zurich and Calvin in Geneva, they seldom cooperated with Presbyterians in England. Instead, many advocated for separation from all other Christians, in favor of gathered churches under autonomous Puritan control. Currently, the designation "Puritan" is often expanded to mean any very conservative Protestant, or even more broadly, to evangelicals. Thus, scholars commonly use the term Presisianist in regard to the historical groups of England and New England" - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puritan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puritan)
altogether passive therein … *Others, not elected, although they may be called by the ministry of the Word, … yet they never truly come to Christ, and therefore cannot be saved …*” - Chap. X, p. 1-4.

Hence, YHWH unalterably ordered certain individuals to go to heaven and others to go to hell, without in any way considering the character, conduct, obedience, choice, attitudes, or desires of the individual. This denies that man has free will or free moral agency!

The purpose of this booklet is to examine the Bible teaching about election, predestination, and foreordination to see whether they are conditional or unconditional.

The Bible Intensely Refutes the Doctrine of Predestination

To begin with, the Bible definitely teaches that the elect have been predestined by YHWH to eternal life:

3 Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies with Christ,

4 even as He elected us in Him before the foundation of the world, for us to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

5 predestinating us to adoption through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace in which He favored us in the One having been loved,

7 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins, according to the riches of His grace

8 which He caused to abound toward us in all wisdom and understanding,

9 making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

10 for the administration of the fullness of the times to head up all things in Christ, both the things in the heavens, and the things on earth, in Him,

11 in whom we also have been chosen to an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of the One working all things according to the counsel of His own will,

12 for us to be to the praise of His glory, the ones who had previously trusted in Christ;
in whom also you, hearing the Word of Truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also believing you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.\(^7\)

The question is: How is it determined whether or not any specific individual is among the elect? This means, according to Calvinism, if a person is “elected” he can whore around, abuse drugs and alcohol; party, murder, cheat on his wife, etc., and will still go to Heaven. On the other hand, what is even worse, what about the person who lives a dedicated life, lives reverently for YHWH, his life is absolutely devoted to holiness and righteousness; but because he is not “elected” by YHWH, he will be sent to Eternal Hell and YHWH rolls His fingers in pleasure with this?

Is all this determined by an unconditional, unchangeable order of YHWH? Or does YHWH offer salvation to all men, and then give each individual the power to choose for himself whether to accept or reject that offer?

**Scriptural Evidence that Salvation of Individuals is Conditional**

I. Salvation is offered by YHWH to all men

Calvinism says that the decision whether or not a particular individual will be saved is entirely up to YHWH, and man cannot influence that decision. If we can prove that YHWH offers salvation to all men, then it must follow from Calvinism that all people will be saved! But that conclusion is clearly false. Hence, the Calvinistic concept of unconditional election must be false.

A. God desires all men to be saved

1 Tim 2:4 - God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. [Note: This is the same "all men" for whom we should pray - v1.]

2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

If YHWH sincerely wants all people to be saved and wants none to perish, and if the decision is entirely up to Him and that man has no choice, then all people will be saved and none will be lost! The logical conclusion of unconditional election must be universalism!

Yet we know only a few will be saved and most lost as clearly seen in Mat 7:13, 14 and 22:14. Hence, either YHWH does not sincerely want everyone saved, or else man does have a choice! You decide …

\(^7\) Eph 1:3-14 [Cf. Rom 8:28-33; 2 Tim 2:10; 1 Peter 1:1; 2:9; 2 Thes 2:13.]
B. YHWH's grace is extended to all men

Because YHWH wants all to be saved, He has shown all men mercy and favour by offering them salvation.

*Titus 2:11* - *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.* Note that what YHWH's grace brings to all is "salvation."

C. Y'shua died to offer salvation to all men

*1 Tim 2:6* - *Jesus gave Himself a ransom for all* (the same "all" that YHWH wants to be saved - v4).
*Heb 2:9* - *By the grace of God Jesus tasted death for everyone.* (This "everyone" refers to those who are subject to the fear of death (v15), which is every human).
*John 3:16* - *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* (Note that the ones Y'shua died to save are all those in the world whom YHWH loves. Yet He loves even His enemies (Mat 5:43-38)).
*Rom 5:18,19* - *Justification came unto "all men" by Jesus’ righteous act* (His death). (This was the same "all men" on whom condemnation came as a result of Adam’s sin. So, however many people are condemned by sin, that is how many can receive the benefit of Y'shua's death).

The intent of Y'shua's death was to offer salvation to all men. If these passages are true, then either all men will be saved (which cannot be), or else there is something each man must do to determine whether or not he will receive the benefit of Y'shua's death.

D. YHWH's offer of salvation is preached in the gospel to all men

*2 Thes 2:14* - *Men are called to glory by the gospel. To whom is this call extended?*
*Mark 16:15, 16* - *The gospel should be preached to every creature in the whole world. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.* [Mat 28:19]
*Acts 2:38, 39* - *The promise of remission and the gift of the Holy Spirit is for ALL, as many as God calls.* (But the call is sent to everyone in the world!)

Calvinists respond to these points by saying that the gospel should be preached to all; however, no one can respond to that call unless the Holy Spirit unconditionally works directly on their heart to empower them to
respond. But this makes the preaching of the gospel simply a pretense. If the Holy Spirit makes the choice unconditionally, why not doesn't the Spirit just lead the person to salvation and forget the preaching?

Acts 2:39 says the promise of the Spirit is to all that are called, and it is proved from Scripture that all humans should be called by the gospel, Y’shua died for all, etc.

II. YHWH, our fair God, has decreed conditions of salvation which all men can meet

Calvinism says there is nothing in man that acts as a condition that moves YHWH to choose any certain man to save him. Man is "altogether passive." However, notice the following conditions that the Bible lists as necessary for salvation and note further that the Bible says everyone can meet these conditions.

A. Men must believe in Messiah Y’shua

Mark 16:15, 16 - The gospel is for the whole world. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved.

John 3:14-16 - Jesus died for the whole world, and whosoever believes should not perish but have everlasting life.

The Scriptures clearly teach that faith is a condition to salvation, and anyone in the world may meet that condition.

B. Men Must Repent of Sin

Acts 17:30, 31 - God commands all men everywhere to repent. (This refers to all the people who will be judged by Jesus, which means everyone in the whole world).

2 Peter 3:9 - God does not want any to perish but all to repent.

Note that all who will be judged must repent (Acts 17:30, 31). But those who need to repent are the ones YHWH does not want to see perish. Hence, YHWH does not want anyone in the world to perish. He wants them all to repent. The Scriptures clearly teach that repentance is a condition of salvation, and everyone on earth must meet that condition.

C. Men must confess "Christ" (Messiah) and be baptized

Mat 10:32 - Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

Mark 16:16 - The message preached to everyone in the world is that he who believes and is baptized shall be saved.
Acts 2:38,39 - The message to all, whoever God calls by the gospel, is that everyone must repent and be baptized for remission of sins.

Summary:

Rom 10:13,14,17 - Whoever calls on the Lord will be saved, but to call one must believe, and to believe one must hear the gospel. The gospel is to be preached to all, and of those who hear it, whoever calls on the Lord will be saved.

The Scriptures clearly teach that salvation is conditional, and that every person is able to meet those conditions.

Calvinists respond to these points by saying that the only people who can truly meet these conditions are the people whom the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) unconditionally chose and empowered to do so. But again, this turns the preaching of these conditions to all people into a mockery. If salvation is not conditional, why did YHWH state conditions? If not everyone can meet the conditions, why did YHWH insist that they be preached to everyone?

The above passages clearly teach that everyone can obey the conditions, but Calvinism flatly contradicts this and denies that everyone can obey.

III. YHWH grants to each person the power to accept or reject salvation

If as Calvinism teaches, no conditions that can be met by man will affect whether or not YHWH saves him, then man has absolutely no choice regarding his salvation. If YHWH chooses the man, he will be saved regardless of the man's choice. If YHWH does not choose the man, he will be lost regardless of his choice. Hence, man's choice is irrelevant to his salvation. However, the Bible teaches man does have a choice in whether or not He will please YHWH and be saved.

A. Each person is able to choose whether or not he will meet the conditions of salvation.

Consider the following passages. Why would YHWH say these things if people have no power to choose whether or not to meet the conditions necessary to be pleasing to Him?

Deut 30:15-19 - God promised blessings to Israel if they would obey Him (28:1-14) and curses if they would disobey Him (28:15-68) [cf. chap. 29, 30]. Then He urged them to choose life.
Joshua 24:15 - Likewise, Joshua exhorted Israel to choose what god they would serve. [Cf. Exod 32:26; 1 Kings 18:21]
Heb 11:24,25 - Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, but chose to share ill treatment with YHWH's people, rather than to enjoy sin. [Luke 10:42]

Isaiah 1:18-20 - YHWH reasons with man, He does not compel them against their will. If men were willing to be obedient, YHWH would bless them. If they refused and rebelled, He would punish them.

Mat 23:37 – Y'Shua wanted to gather Jerusalem under His wings, but they were not willing! Note: Y'Shua preferred one choice, but the people rejected it because it was not according to their choice.

Clearly YHWH does not choose men unconditionally and then compel men to accept His choice. He wants them all saved and invites them to accept His will, but He allows them to choose how they will respond to His invitation.

Mat 13:14,15 - Certain people would not turn ("be converted" - KJV) and be (spiritually) healed by Y'Shua, because they closed their eyes and did not accept His teachings. Clearly Y'Shua was willing to heal these people if they were converted, but they resisted His teaching by their own choice.

Rev 22:17 - Whosoever will (KJV) may freely take of the water of life. It is a matter of man's will, and each person may determine his own will.

B. Each person has a role in determining his own destiny

According to Calvinism, there is nothing in man's conduct or choice that influences one way or another whether or not YHWH will save that person. Hence, nothing a man does will in any way affect his salvation. Yet note these passages that show that what man does definitely will affect His eternal destiny.

1 Peter 1:22 - You have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth.

Rom 6:13,16-18 - Present yourself to God and your members as instruments of righteousness. To whom you present yourself as a servant to obey, that is your master - either sin or obedience. They were freed from sin because they became obedient to the teaching delivered to them.

2 Cor 8:5 - The Macedonians gave their own selves to the Lord.

Phil 2:12 - Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

1 Tim 4:16 - Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine ... for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Acts 2:40 - Be saved (save yourselves - KJV) from this perverse generation.
2 Cor 5:20 - God was pleading with men, through His ambassadors, to be reconciled to God. (Clearly YHWH wants men to come to Him. But He does not compel, He pleads. Men must then take the step that determines the final outcome).

Based on these Scriptures, how can it be concluded that man is "totally passive" in salvation? How can it be taught that nothing in man is a condition that influences whether or not YHWH chooses to save him? Clearly all these passages prove man does have the power to choose and that what we do will determine whether or not YHWH chooses to give us eternal life.

C. YHWH is no respecter of persons

Rom 2:6-11 - If YHWH chooses to save some but not others, either the choice must be based on the conduct of the people (hence, conditional) or else YHWH is a respecter of persons. [Cf. Acts 10:34, 35]

Calvinists respond that this simply means YHWH will save people of all nations. But this is not all the passage says. It says He is not a respecter of persons because His choice of who to save or condemn is based on man's conduct! He gives eternal life to those who continue doing well, and condemns those who are disobedient.

For YHWH to grant eternal life to those who do not choose to meet the conditions, or for Him to punish those who do meet the conditions, would constitute respecter of persons. Calvinism is a system inherently based on partiality, favouritism, and injustice! Worse yet, it makes YHWH guilty of all of these! Then that means, YHWH is not really YHWH at all!

IV. One who is chosen may later become lost

If salvation is unconditional and nothing one does will affect his salvation, then a person decreed to be among the elect would be saved no matter how he later acted. He could not possibly so act as to be lost because the choice was unconditional. So, if we can show that people, once saved, later so acted as to be lost, then we have proved salvation must be conditional, and Calvinism is wrong.

An example - 2 Peter 2:1 - Men who have been bought by Y’shua can yet deny Him and be destroyed. Clearly the choice of man’s destiny is not unconditional. It does depend on man's conduct.

The solution - 2 Peter 1:10 - To "make our calling and election sure" we must add the listed qualities to our faith. Then we will not stumble but will enter the eternal kingdom. It is conditional!

There are numerous other passages showing a child of YHWH can so sin as to be lost. That is another whole subject. But every such passage
proves that salvation is conditional and disproves Calvinistic election.

Conclusion to Part I

- Calvinism compared to a king
- Calvinism's doctrine of election pictures YHWH like a king who has thousands of people imprisoned in his dungeon (for another man's crime - the sin of Adam). He declares to them:
  1) I want all of you to be set free.
  2) I have genuine mercy and love for all of you, so I extend my pardon to all of you.
  3) So much do I love you that my son has paid the penalty so every one of you can go free.
  4) Therefore, whichever of you chooses to do so may leave your cells and go free!
  5) However, your cells are still locked and I am the only one who has the key.
  6) So regardless of what you say, do, or want, I will unconditionally open a few doors and let some of you go. The rest of you, regardless of what you say, do, or want, I will unconditionally leave your cells locked, and you will stay imprisoned forever!

Did the King really want all the prisoners set free? Did He really have love and mercy for all, extend pardon to all, and have His Son pay the penalty for all? If so, and if freedom was unconditional, why were not all prisoners set free?

Did the prisoners really have a choice about whether or not to be set free? If they did, why did the King free only certain ones regardless of their choice? If they had no choice, why did the King say they did have a choice?

Calvinism forcefully makes YHWH unloving, unjust, untruthful, insincere, and a respecter or persons. If Calvinism is true, we may as well throw our Bibles away, because they surely do not mean what they say, and on top of that live a life you choose because it all is, in any case, pre-ordained!

The proper conduct of such a king

How would a king act if he really believed what this king said? First, he would not have imprisoned anyone except for their own crimes.

Then he might pardon all the prisoners, but that would treat the truly penitent the same as the hardened criminal.

He could be true to his will by offering conditions of pardon to all the prisoners (such as they must confess their crime, ask for pardon, and
pledge loyalty to the king and do works of service for him, etc.). Then each prisoner would have the right to choose whether or not to meet the conditions. He would free those who would meet them, but not the rest.

This would act in harmony with the king's wish that everyone be free, because he really hopes everyone will meet the conditions. Pardon would still be an act of mercy. But the king is still just if he keeps in prison those who refuse to meet the conditions.

This is exactly the course YHWH has chosen.

**Answers to Defenses of Unconditional Election**

**I. Bible references to election and predestination**

The New Covenant unquestionably refers to "election" and "predestination." Calvinists often quote the passages, as mentioned in the Introduction, as though the mere mention of the words proves their brand of predestination.

But we all agree that YHWH has "chosen" (elected) certain people, and that the elect have been foreordained to eternal life. The question is: How is it determined whether or not any particular individual is or is not among the elect, and is that determined unconditionally or conditionally.

The Bible doctrine of predestination is that YHWH chose a body or group of people to be saved, but each individual has the power to choose whether or not to be in that body.

To illustrate, consider a country with voluntary military service. The president chooses the Special Forces for a mission. The General calls the Special Forces an "elect" body because the President chose them, rather than the Navy, Army, etc. But the President did not choose each individual. He chose the body, but each individual decides whether or not to be in that body.

Another illustration: An elite company chooses to place its product for sale in a certain store. The store owner then refers to his employees as an elect or chosen group of people. But they were chosen as a group, not individually. Each individual employee enters that company only by meeting certain conditions.

YHWH's "elect" is just another name for the faithful members of the "church", the Body of Messiah. YHWH predestined the faithful to be saved, but each individual decides whether or not he will be among the faithful. Hence, the saved are the elect, but this is conditional (not unconditional) and they do have a choice. Consider the evidence…
A. People are "elect" according to the will of YHWH

Eph 1:5, 11 - We are predestined according to His will, according to His purpose. [Rom 8:28; 2 Tim 1:9; 1 Cor 2:7]

Calvinists assume YHWH wills to choose each individual unconditionally. But where do these passages say this? The will of YHWH regarding man’s salvation is revealed in the Scriptures. It has already been proven by Scripture that it is YHWH's will to offer salvation to ALL, then to let each individual CHOOSE whether or not he will respond.

B. People are elect "In Christ."

Eph 1:4 - YHWH chose us "in Him" (Y’shua). [Cf. v6 - in the beloved; v7 - in whom; v10, 11 - in Him; V3, 10, 13; 2 Tim 1:9; 2:10]

Note other passages about "those in Christ" (in Messiah).

Consider their circumstances "in Christ":
* Made nigh unto God (Eph 2:12-17)
* New creatures (born again) (2 Cor 5:17; Rom 6:3,4)
* No condemnation (Rom 8:1)
* Grace (2 Tim 2:1)
* Salvation (2 Tim 2:10)
* Eternal life (1 John 5:11, 12)
* All spiritual blessings (Eph 1:3)

Clearly those "in Christ" are the elect, destined to salvation. But how does an individual come into the Messiah?

Gal 3:26, 27; Rom 6:3, 4 - We are baptized into Y’shua, after hearing, believing, etc. This makes us members of YHWH's family, the Body of Messiah, saved from our sins.

Again, salvation is conditional. It is offered to all, but each individual has the power to choose whether or not to meet the conditions. This does not contradict the Bible doctrine of predestination but is part of it.

C. People are elect in Y’shua's spiritual Body

Passages:

Eph 1:3-14 – Rabbi Paul is addressing the elect in Y’shua. But the rest of the Book refers to them as “the church, the body of Christ” - this is the theme of the Book. 1:22, 23 – Y’shua is head of the "church", His body.

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8 Christians use the terminology “church”
9 Christians call it the church
2:13, 16 - To be reconciled "in Christ" is to be reconciled in His body or household (v19), the temple of the Lord (v21, 22).
3:10, 11 - We are predestined according to YHWH's purpose (1:11), but His eternal purpose is revealed in the "church".
5:22-33 – Y’shua is Head and Saviour of the body, having loved it and gave Himself to sanctify and cleanse it. Note that it is a body or group that is destined to be saved. [Cf. 3:21; 4:4,16
1 Peter 2:9, 10 - The ones "chosen" or elected are a race, a nation, a priesthood, a people. We are chosen as a body, a group, the Body of Messiah (church).

Note the circumstances of those in the "church".

Acts 20:28 – Y’shua purchased the "church" with His blood.
Acts 2:47 - All the saved are added to the body (church) by the Lord.
Clearly the "church" is the elect, those destined to be saved. [Mat 16:18]

But how does one enter the "church", Messiah?

1 Peter 1:22, 23 - The elect (1:1,2; 2:9) are those who "purified your souls" in obedience to the truth and so were born again - born into YHWH's family, the "church" (1 Tim 3:15)
1 Cor 12:13 - We are baptized into the one body.
Acts 2:38, 41, 47 - When we repent and are baptized, we receive remission of sins and are added by the Lord to the "church".

So, from eternity, YHWH knew there would be people willing to obey Him. He purposed to establish the "church" (Eph 3:10, 11) as the body that would contain all saved people (5:23, 25). These would be His special people, the elect (1:3-14). This body He decreed to be destined for eternal glory (1:3-14).

However, each individual has been given by YHWH the power to choose to meet the conditions to enter that body or not enter. Once in the body, each has the power to continue to be faithful and receive the reward or to fall away and be lost (these will be removed from the body before it enters glory - Mat 13:41-43; Rev 17:14; 2 Peter 1:10).

Now, who are the ones "not elected" from the foundation of the world?

Well, there are actually three groups that YHWH never selected from the foundation of the earth to be included or to be part of His “elect” group.
They are:

1) The **group that rejects the atoning work of Messiah Y’shua on the cross**, they are eternally doomed. This is the group who sins against YHWH and persists in unrighteousness (Exod 32:31-33; Psalm 69:28-29). This happens when the final cut off point of grace is reached; namely, at death. After death, redemption or rebirth is not possible.

2) Those **other groups are those whose names were “never” recorded in the Book of Life**. Those who worship the Beast during the Tribulation whose names were never entered into the ‘Book of Life’ since the laying of the foundation of the earth (Rev 13:8; 17:8). This category of names refers to a group of people who will be alive during the Tribulation period, when it will be just like the time of Noah and Lot. This is a group that will sleep with ‘fallen angels’. ‘Fallen angels’ (sons of God) slept with the ‘daughters of men’ and ‘Giants’ where born. The word ‘Giants’ is the Hebrew word **Nephillim**. The Nephillim comes from the mixing of fallen angels and man as explained below.

3) The **Fallen Angels** that slept with the daughters of men as in Genesis 6 and Jude 1 will also not be part of YHWH’s elect.

In the time of Noah and Lot, some of “a third part of the fallen angels” (them that were thrown out of heaven so long before the time of Noah and Lot - Isaiah 14:14-15, Rev 12:3-4) slept with the daughters of men and married them (Gen 6:1-8, Gen 19:1-11). The result of this wicked/ungodly mixture was the “Nephillim (“Giants” with evil spirits/demons).

Satan’s plan was to contaminate the human race to prevent “The Seed” (Gen 3:15, Isaiah 7:14, referring to Y’shua), from being born through a pure and uncontaminated bloodline. God the Father saw what Satan’s plan was, and this is the reason why He wiped out the entire contaminated human race. Only Noah and his family were found to be “… **perfect in his generation**” (KJV Gen 6:9).

The English word “perfect” in Hebrew is “Tamym” and does not refer to morally right here, but **bodily perfect, meaning without blemish or blot and of pure stock**. This meant that only Noah and his family was untainted by fallen angels, but the rest of their generation was half human-half angel, the “giants” or the “Nephillim”. When these giants died in the flood, their evil spirits sought “embodiment”, even as they seek it today.

**Y’shua says it will be like that again in the last days as in the days of Noah** (Mat 24:38-39), **the fallen angels will again “take wives for themselves”**. These “Evil Spirits” still exist today and are better known as
"aliens" or actually demons\textsuperscript{10}. Satan could not prevent Y’shua from coming the first time, and knows Y’shua is coming again for his Bride. Satan \textbf{will once again try with all his might to contaminate the entire human race}; thus conditions the human race against Y’shua, as he knows his judgment is after Y’shua’s return, and he wants to evade this.

Thus, the Nephillim is the other group that is not “elected”.

\textbf{The laughable doctrine of "once saved always saved"}

The following verses blow the teaching of "once saved always saved" out of the window. This is Satan’s way to lull people to sleep and to keep them asleep thinking they are on their way to heaven.

\begin{verbatim}
18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this (Revelation) book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this (Revelation) book:
19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the (Revelation) book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this (Revelation) book\textsuperscript{11}.
\end{verbatim}

My friend, "every man" includes you and me.

To get your name \textbf{in} the Book of Life you \textbf{must comply with the conditions of YHWH’s instructions} to become reborn.

How do you ensure that your name \textbf{will not be removed out} of the Book of Life? Well it is your choice—you are either for or against Y’shua that will determine whether your name shall remain or be \textbf{removed} from the Book of Life. Your name will be \textbf{removed} if you reject Y’shua or despise the Blood of Y’shua (John 3:18; Heb 10:28-29). This, again, proves the righteousness of YHWH.

There is another way your name \textbf{can be removed} from The Book of Life, and that we clearly see in the verses we just read in Rev 22:18-19. If you add or take away from this prophecy (Book of Revelation), you will be responsible for \textbf{deleting your name from the Book of Life and sending yourself to the Lake of Fire}.

This is also \textbf{concrete proof} that your name \textbf{can be removed from the Book of Life after it had been entered} (Rev 3:5; Ps 69:20-29; Exod

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\textsuperscript{11} Rev 22:18-19
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Facts Established

- Calvinism blatantly takes verses out of context which directly contradicts other verses in the Bible.
- Calvinism violates Scripture and implies that YHWH is Schizophrenic.
- Calvinism implies that YHWH has selected only an “elect” and gladly condemns the rest to Hell Eternal, even if you are reborn.
- The Bible clearly refutes this evil doctrine of “once saved always saved”.

Closing Thoughts

Calvinism pictures YHWH like a father who commands his son not to go in the street, and if he goes, the father will spank him. Then the father carries the son into the street and spanks him for going there!

Calvinist arguments must fail because they falsely imply YHWH is a violator of His own will and of His own righteous character.

Salvation is offered to all men, so any one can receive it. But each individual must choose for himself whether or not to respond, and each one is capable of so choosing.

Does this mean that salvation is by the power of men, not of YHWH's power? Not at all!

Illustration: Suppose a man is drowning and a sailor throws him a life preserver attached to a rope. The drowning man by himself was powerless to be saved. The sailor was his saviour. But the man still had to choose to take hold and continue to hold on until he was in the boat. In other words, YHWH is the source and provider of salvation. Salvation is by YHWH's grace. But He has decreed that each individual must choose for Himself whether or not to accept the salvation offered.
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12 The truth of the Torah makes you see the mistranslations in the New Covenant. It’s amazing how you can look at the epistles of Rabbi Paul one way and it looks like he’s leading the body of Messiah away from Torah, when in reality, he’s leading them to Torah. A paradox of vantage point. Let us remember, the intent of the law maker constitutes the law. We need to walk a mile or two in our Hebrew Messiah’s shoes.

13 Mat 15:3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? Mat 15:6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. Mark 7:9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition