

YOUR ELECTION
I THESS. 1:4

Introduction:

- A. There are some words in the Bible that are emotional words, words that evoke emotional responses.
 - 1. Predestination, foreknowledge, foreordination, election.

- B. These are all words that are in the Bible.
 - 1. We should love them and what they teach.

- c. What is election?
 - 1. Not logic.
 - 2. Judge it from all of the Bible.

I. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF ELECTION?

- A. election = ekloga = a picking out, selection, that which is chosen.

- B. First used as a military term.
The selection of core troops. What is meant is a careful sitting on the basis of aptness and service ability.
Plato -- "is from qualitative angles."
The emphasis is always on commissioning for service.
Shock troops, body guards.
 - a. Acts 9:15 b. Rom. 9:11 [Jacob & Esau]
 - c. Rom. 11:5,7,28 d. I Thess. 1:4.
 - e. II Peter 1:19.Jeremiah, Abraham, John the Baptist, Jacob & Esau.

II. HOW IS IT USED IN THE BIBLE?

- A. Israel as a nation, the descendants of Abraham.

page 6

B. The Church of God.

C. Not used to speak of lost.

III. THE ELECT ARE ALWAYS "IN CHRIST."

A. Eph. 1:1-13. (v13).

1. Trusted.
2. After you heard.
3. Ye believed.
4. Were sealed.

B. 1:3

1. Luke 2:25-33.

a. Everything necessary to salvation is "in Christ"

C. God has from the beginning ordained Christ to glory.

1. In Him, we are going too!

IV. HOW DO WE GET IN HIM?

A. Eph. 1:13.

B. II Thess. 1:13.

V. THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION.

A. Sometimes a person who has been elected spends all their time talking about it!

1. "This is how I take my election!"
2. Matt. 28:18-20.

B. These forget what they have been elected to do.