

ELECTION
TITUS 1:3

Introduction:

- A. We are of this time to consider the word "elect."
 - 1. It is altogether fitting and quite necessary.
 - 2. There is a great revival of Calvinism among Baptist people.
 - 3. Theologically we are forced to choose between two errors.
 - a. Calvinism, John Calvin, 1509-1564.
 - b. Armenianism, Jacob Armineaus, 1560-1609.
 - 4. We should not be driven away from the truth by fear.
 - a. What is the truth?
 - b. I am a Baptist. 1500 years before Calvin or Arminius.
 - c. What do I believe about election?

I. LET US LOOK AT THE WORD.

- A. election = eklektos = chosen out, preferred, selected.
- B. Used of soldiers, best of a troop.
- C. Choice, of the best quality.
- D. Jesus is the elect of God.
 - 1. Choice yes, but more than chosen, the best, the Supreme.
- E. "According to the faith of God's elect."
 - 1. Priests of O.T. according to the Law of Moses.
 - 2. Paul a servant of God and an apostle according to the "new faith," faith of God's elect.

II. WHEN DO WE BECOME "THE ELECT?"

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- A. Before the world began?
 - 1. All who would believe in Christ. Eph. 1:3.

- B. Before repentance and faith?
 - 1. Acts 17:30, "And the times of this ... God winked at; but now commandeth all men to repent."
 - 2. Mark 1:14-15.
 - 3. Acts 20:20-21.

- C. Before being Born Again?
 - 1. John 1:11-13.

- D. Before believing in Christ?
 - 1. Acts 16:30.

III. HOW DOES ONE GET INTO CHRIST?

- A. Repentance toward God.
 - 1. Power given by God. Not coercive.

- B. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

- C. Believe into Him, His literal Body.
 - 1. Baptized into Spiritual Body.

IV. ILLUSTRATION.

- A. Suppose a man and wife elect to send their child to the University of Arkansas. Does that settle the matter?
 - 1. Have child. ----- Creation.
 - 2. Must make provision. --- Redemption.
 - 3. Child must decide and commit himself.

V. TO EXALT ALMIGHTY GOD.

- A. To create a man with a will speaks more of God's power than anything He ever created.
- B. Able to raise up children to Abraham from rocks.