

I Chose You!

Matthew 4:18-22

John 15:1-16

1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

God's Calendar (Leviticus 23)

- God's FEASTS!
- God sharing His joy!
- GOD is the HOST!
- ALL of God's feasts (joy) center around His Messiah.



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“A Passion to Know Him and Make Him Known!”

Feast of Trumpets

- The NEW MOON was (and still should be) a day of remembrance of all that God did in the past month and trusting Him to be faithful in the next.
- The SEVENTH NEW MOON was a day of remembrance of all that God did in the past year! Today is “one” of the three Jewish New Years.
- It is a day of blowing of trumpets. (Purposes for blowing trumpets).
- What about today?
 - Many people took the prophecies for the first coming of Christ lightly and MISSED His coming – though they should have known!
 - God has given US this Feast of Trumpets to get OUR attention!
 - ★ For some, the blowing of the final trumpet signifies the coming of our King and it will be a time of GREAT REJOICING.
 - ★ For others, the blowing of the trumpets signifies the Captain of the Hosts of Heaven coming to make war!
- WAIT, WATCH and DO. (Luke 12:37; Hebrews 9:28; Luke 12:40; Psalm 89:15)

“You Did Not Choose Me, But I Chose You” (John 15:16)

Doctrine of Election Defined

- “By the **decree** of God, for the manifestation of **HIS glory**, some men and angels are predestined (before time began) to everlasting life, and others are foreordained to ever lasting death.”
- The is a **foundational** doctrine – get this one wrong and you will get everything else in the Bible wrong! (God, sin, grace, love, judgment, wrath, church, etc.)
 - It is a **difficult** doctrine to understand. The **difficulty** is relative! Superficial study will never allow one to comprehend this rich doctrine.
 - It is a **humbling** doctrine. This doctrine goes against all human **pride**.

- It is a **blessed** doctrine because all spiritual blessing flow from it. (Eph. 1:3-4)
- It is a **dividing** doctrine, just as it was when Christ taught it. (John 6:37-39, 44, 59-66)
- It is **not** a **secret** doctrine. Election is revealed from Genesis 1 to Rev22.
- It, like all Biblical doctrines, is based on **biblical TRUTH**, and not traditions, teachings of men, or opinions.

Every “Picture” of Salvation Demands Unconditional Election!

- To be **born-again** pictures “the Father” choosing to give life. (John 3:3; James 1:18)
- To be **raised from the DEAD** pictures someone or force out side the dead person giving life. (John 11:43; Eph. 1:1, 4-5)
- The **wind** is controlled by GOD, **not man!** (John 3:8; Psalm 148:8)
- To be **redeemed** (bought with a price) pictures a “purchaser” choosing what he will or will not purchase with **his** money (grace). (1 Cor 6:20; 7:23; Acts 20:28)
- To be **adopted** pictures a father choosing whom he will adopt. (Ephesians 1:5; Galatians 4:5; Romans 8:15)

Source of Election

- The will of God. (Ephesians 1:4-5, 9, 11)
 - The will of God is FREE. (Romans 9:15)
- Our good works are **not** what *seduces* or *induces* God to elect us! (2 Timothy 2:9; Romans 9:11)
 - We are saved (called, chosen) **unto** good works. (Eph. 2:10; Titus 2:14)
- Our holiness does not cause God to elect us.
 - We are elected unto holiness. (Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13)
- Our faith is not the cause of our election.
 - Everyone born into this world is **unrighteous, lacking any understanding, never seeking God, and “goodless”, without any power to save themselves, DEAD in their sins, walking (living) according to the course of this world, having the spirit of the devil in them, fulfilling the their own desires, sinners in all that they do and think, enemies of God, and BY NATURE are children of wrath!** (Psalm 14:2-3; Romans 3:10-12; 5:6, 8, 10; Ephesians 2:1-3)
 - Faith is a **gift** from God, given to those who have not deserve such a gift. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Choosing and Coming

- Those whom Christ chose and called – **FOLLOWED!** (Matt. 4:20, 22)
- Christ's sheep, those whom He received from the Father, hear and follow. (John 10:26-29)
- Christ is the Author of eternal salvation for all who **obey!** (Hebrews 5:9)
- **BUT** to those whom **do not follow** He will come in vengeance! (2 Thess. 1:8)