

sermon notes

Divine Election

1 Thessalonians 1:4 — January 21, 2024

introduction: There is a very important political election coming up in November. But the Bible tells us about most important election ever (Romans 8:33; Colossians 3:12-13; John 6:44).

1. Election is based on God's _____ foreknowledge _____. He has always known everything about everything.

supporting Scriptures: 1 Peter 1:2
Isaiah 46:9-10
1 John 3:30
Psalm 147:4-5
Proverbs 15:3
Matthew 10:30

personal application: _____ Depend _____ on God to do the very best thing in every situation (Proverbs 3:5-6). He knows what is best for Him to do, and He has the power to do it.

2. God's foreknowledge does _____ not _____ mean that He causes everything to happen. He is absolutely holy; He certainly does not cause people to sin. But He does allow people to make choices.

supporting Scriptures: Genesis 3:12
James 1:13-14
Deuteronomy 30:19
Proverbs 3:31
Matthew 23:37
Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
1 Timothy 2:3-4, 5-6
2 Peter 3:9
Acts 17:30
Mark 1:14-15
John 3:18
John 5:40

personal application: Make choices that please _____ God _____ (Joshua 24:15; John 1:11-12).

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3. Divine election and human responsibility are __concurrent__ truths — existing at the same time. Both are taught in the Bible, and therefore both must be true. Do not over-emphasize one and de-emphasize the other.

supporting Scriptures: John 6:37, 40
Acts 16:14, 31
Acts 2:22-24

personal application: When you encounter things about __God_ or from God that you don't understand, realize it is because God is so much greater than we are (Isaiah 55:8-9). And let it prompt you to worship Him (Job 1:20-22).

4. Divine election does not eliminate the need to __witness__ to unsaved people. To believe it does results in disobedience to the Lord.

supporting Scriptures: Mark 16:15
Romans 1:15-16
Romans 10:13-15
1 Corinthians 3:9
1 Corinthians 9:16

personal application: Be devoted to witnessing to __unsaved__ people, sharing your personal testimony of salvation with them, telling them what Jesus did for them on the cross and how they can be saved through personal faith in Him.