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*Taken from Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology, Chapter 32: Election and Reprobation, and Chapter 33: The Gospel Call & Effective Calling*

## Election and Reprobation

**Grudem: Election is an act of God before creation in which he chooses some people to be saved, not on account of any foreseen merit in them, but only because of his sovereign good pleasure.**

### A. Does the New Testament Teach Predestination?

Acts 13:48; **Romans 8:28-30**; 9:11-13; 11:7; **Ephesians 1:4-6**, 12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Peter 1:1; 2:9; Revelation 13:7-8; 17:8

### B. How Does the New Testament Present the Teaching of Election?

1. As a Comfort. **Romans 8:28-30**
2. As a Reason to Praise God. **Ephesians 1:5-6**, 12; **1 Thessalonians 1:2-4**; **2 Thessalonians 2:13**
3. As an Encouragement to Evangelism. **2 Timothy 2:10**

### E. The Doctrine of Reprobation

**Grudem: Reprobation is the sovereign decision of God before creation to pass over some persons, in sorrow deciding not to save them, and to punish them for their sins, and thereby to manifest his justice.**

**Jude 4**; **Romans 11:7**; 1 Peter 2:8; Revelation 13:7-8; **Romans 9:22-23**; Ezekiel 33:11

**Grudem: Our only appropriate response is to give God eternal \_\_\_\_\_**

## Scripture Memory Passage

**Ephesians 1:3-6: 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**

## The Gospel Call and Effective Calling

### B. The Elements of the Gospel Call

1. Explanation of the Facts Concerning Salvation
  1. All people have sinned (Romans 3:23).
  2. The penalty for our sin is death (Romans 6:23).
  3. Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for our sins (Romans 5:8).
2. Invitation to Respond to Christ Personally in Repentance and Faith.  
**Matthew 11:28–30; John 1:11–12; Revelation 22:17; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:37–38; 3:19; 5:31; 17:30; Romans 2:4; 2 Corinthians 7:10**
3. A Promise of Forgiveness and Eternal Life. **John 3:16; Acts 3:19; 2:38**

So, what do we do with that? Spread the \_\_\_\_\_

### A. Effective Calling

**Grudem: Effective calling is an act of God the Father, speaking through the human proclamation of the gospel, in which he summons people to himself in such a way that they respond in saving faith.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:13–14; Romans 10:14; John 6:44**

## Scripture Memory Passage

**Matthew 11:28–30: 28 Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.**