

God Saves Sovereignly

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3–6

Series: **The Doctrines of Grace**

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Overview

Due to our complete and total depravity, it would be just and fair for God to condemn everyone to hell. We have all fallen short of the glory of God and, in and of ourselves, have no hope before the face of God. Our only hope rests in God's mercy. **If God didn't choose to save some, none would be saved.**

Corroborating Texts

2 Thessalonians 2:13, Romans 9:6-18, Acts 13:48

Discussion Questions

1. What was your initial reaction when you first learned about the doctrine of unconditional election? How has your view changed now—if at all?
2. As Joe mentioned, the doctrine of unconditional election cuts against some of our American cultural values. For you personally, do you hold any values that this doctrine tends to confront? Which of the 4 objections (*Not biblical, Unfair, Kills evangelism, Hinders assurance*) is the hardest for you to overcome?
3. What does unconditional election reveal about the heart of God? What is His ultimate aim in our election? [the praise of his glorious grace (v.6), through our holiness and adoption (vv.4-5)] How does God get glory through unconditional election?
4. Why is the “unconditional” aspect of election so crucial to emphasize? What are the dangers if we fail to do this?
5. What do we miss out on without belief in unconditional election? In a practical sense, what impact, if any, would there be in our daily lives?
6. As with all the doctrines of grace, unconditional election should lead us into joy, gratitude, humility, and worship. Are you experiencing these things? If not, what's keeping you from doing so?
7. This doctrine can't just be head knowledge for us—we need to actually *feel* it experientially. If we're not at that place, how do we get there?