

What I Do Know about Election
The Foundations of Your Faith, part 3
1 Thessalonians 1:4-7

1 Thess.1:4: Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

- There are some things about election that are unknowable, but there are some things that we can know.
- Here are a few verses that emphasize the presuppositional foundation of election:

2 Thess. 2:13: Beloved of God: because God hath from the beginning chosen you...

Col. 3:12: Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved...

2 Peter 1:10: Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure.

- Here are three truths we can know about election. Election...

1. EXALTS for us God's Character, v.4

- A. His love: God loves us "just because." Deuteronomy 7:7,8, 2 Thess.2:13.
- B. His foreknowledge, 1 Peter 1:3

2. ENCOURAGES us to Great Comfort, v.4

- A. Election helps us know we are in a brotherhood.
- B. Election breaks down barriers of hostility.

3. EXCITES us to Deep Convictions, v.5-7

- When the Gospel comes to a true believer...
 - A. They experienced the power of the Gospel, v.5a.
 - B. They experienced the conviction of Holy Spirit. v.5b.
 - C. They experienced inner full assurance, v.5c.
 - D. They experienced a desire to follow Jesus, v.6.
 - E. They experienced joy in suffering and service, v.6b-7.