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PECA Sermon Outline on Acts 13:48 (WLC Q&A 68), January 15, 2012

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 68

 \underline{EP} : The Gentiles celebrate the Gospel, because they are now grafted into the Church; those who are ordained to be born again do believe in Jesus for eternal forgiveness and justification.

<u>HP:</u> *Your birth was planned: celebrate.*

Move 1: There is to be a general call through promiscuous Gospel preaching.

LC: "others may be, and often are, outwardly called by the ministry of the word": *For <u>many are</u> <u>called</u>, but few are chosen. (Mat 22:14): Spirit must inwardly operate on hearts to save.*

Move 2: Society and the Visible Church benefit from your presence and calling.

LC: "and have some common operations of the Spirit":

- Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (Mat 7:22).
- But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet <u>hath he not root in himself</u>, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, <u>by and by he is offended</u>. (Mat 13:20-21)
- Read Hebrews 6:4-6. 1 John 2:19. Play the game but don't truly participate.

Move 3: Yet many who fake it will never make it.

LC: "who, for their wilful neglect and contempt of the grace offered to them, being justly left in their unbelief, do never truly come to Jesus Christ.": Freedom to choose, but slaves to sin.

- Read John 12:38-40.
- Read Acts 28:25-27.
- But there are <u>some of you that believe not</u>. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that <u>believed not</u>, and who should betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that <u>no</u> <u>man can come unto me</u>, except it were given unto him of my Father. (Joh 6:64-65)
- But my people <u>would not hearken to my voice</u>; and Israel would none of me. <u>So I gave them</u> <u>up unto their own hearts' lust</u>: and they walked in their own counsels. (Psa 81:11-12)

Move 4: But you who have been truly born of God will last, as He so planned.

LC: "All the elect, and they only, are effectually called": Acts 13:48:

- Context:
 - Vs. 17 and 26: Paul addresses Jews and Gentiles
 - Vs. 38-39: forgiveness in Jesus, justification that could NOT be by Moses
 - Vs. 42, Jews left, Gentiles asked for more. Vs. 44, whole city came back
 - Vss. 45-47, Jews don't want Gentiles so don't want Jesus, Paul transitions to Gentiles.
- As always planned: *And he said ... <u>I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.* (Isa 49:6)</u>
- Greek for "ordained": arranged, appointed, ordered. All according to plan, unto eternal life.

Conclusion: HP: Your birth was planned: celebrate.