

Section 3.5-6: 2ndLBC 1689

3:5 Unconditional Election

Those people who are predestined to life were chosen by God before the foundation of the world,

according to His eternal and unchangeable purpose and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will.

He chose them in Christ for eternal glory, purely as a result of His free grace and love,¹

without anything else about them serving as a condition or cause moving Him to do so.²

¹Ephesians 1:4, 9, 11; Romans 8:30; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:9.

²Romans 9:13, 16; Ephesians 2:5, 12.

3:6 Effectual Calling

Just as God has appointed the elect to glory, so He has by the eternal and completely free purpose of His will foreordained all the means.³

Therefore, those who are elected, being fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ⁴

and effectually called to faith in Christ by His Spirit working at the appropriate time.

They are justified, adopted, sanctified,⁵

and kept by His power through faith to salvation.⁶

No one but the elect are redeemed by Christ, or effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified, and saved.⁷

³1 Peter 1:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:13.

⁴1 Thessalonians 5:9, 10.

⁵Romans 8:30; 2 Thessalonians 2:13.

⁶1 Peter 1:5.

⁷John 10:26; 17:9; 6:64.

Scripture Proofs

¹**Ephesians 1:4, 9, 11;** 4 even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him...9 making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ...11 In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.

Romans 8:30 And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

2 Timothy 1:9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

²**Romans 9:13, 16;** 13 As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."...16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

Ephesians 2:5, 12; 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, [God] made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

³**1 Peter 1:2** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with His blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

⁴**1 Thessalonians 5:9, 10;** 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ...10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him.

⁵**Romans 8:30** (see above)

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (see above)

⁶**1 Peter 1:5.** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁷**John 10:26; 17:9; 6:64; 26** but you do not believe because you are not among My sheep...9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours...64 But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.)