

Shorter Catechism Q. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

1. God is a God who chooses

- He chose to create, to rescue, to come
- He chose Abraham (Gen 18:18), Jacob (Is 41:8), Israel (Deut 7:6), Jerusalem & David (2 Chron 6:6), the disciples (Jn 15:16)
- He chose us (Col 3:12, Titus 1:1, 2 Thess 2:13 etc – every epistle)
- The Bible is, from start to finish, all about God’s choosing

2. God chooses because we wouldn’t

- God chooses because we are so sinful that we haven’t a hope for salvation (Rom 3:9, Eph 1:4) - He is our only hope

3. God chooses before the creation of the world

- “from the beginning God chose you to be saved” - 2 Thess 2:13
- Election means you have been loved from before time began!

4. God chooses solely on the basis of his love and pleasure

- Did God look forward in time to see how good we would be? No.
- Choice made on the basis of his love and pleasure, not anything in me (Eph 1:5; 2:4,8)
- Election is not a matter of cold choice. It is grounded in deep love.

5. God chooses so that he will be glorified and not us

- The whole universe exists to bring God glory – salvation is no different
- Election means no-one can boast. God gets all the glory. Eph 1:4

6. Implications of God choosing

- It will keep us humble
 - We can never feel more intelligent, or look down our noses
 - It humbles the unconverted also - their only hope is to plead with God to save them too
- It will give us a sense of security
- It will encourage us to keep going
- It will make us thankful
- It will give us hope for unconverted family & friends



Notices

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| Sab | Evening Service in Day Centre, Letterkenny | 8pm |
| Tues | Bible Study @ Colin & Caroline’s | 8pm |
| Sab 8 th June | Lord’s Supper at morning service | |
| June 9-11 | The Synod of the church meets in Faughan | |

Denomination News

Cooks for Senior Camp

R.P. Senior Camp require at least three cooks for this summer. The camp begins on Sat 5th July and finishes on Sat 12th July. If you are available and willing to come along and help as a cook, either for the whole week or for part of it, please contact Robert or Lynn Robb on 048 7772 2136.

Next Sabbath
Opening Psalm: 78:6-10

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