

**ELECTION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (3 Words)**

Greek words	Part of Speech	# of Uses	Translation	As per...
ἐκλόγε / ekloge	Noun		election, chosen, choice	Acts 9:15 (Paul); Rom. 9:11 (Jacob)
ἐκλέκτος / eklektos	Adj.		elect, chosen, choice (one)	Rom. 8:33 (believers); 1 Tim. 5:21 (angels)
ἐκλέγομαι / eklegomai (source, eklego)	Verb		to choose, to elect	Luke 6:13 (Jesus); 10:42 (Mary)

**NOTE:** Of the 30 noun and adjectival uses, only \_\_\_\_ are singular (the other 23 are collective; i.e., plural)! **POINT:** Individual election is rarely the focus. One should always ask, “Election or chosen for what?”

Singular uses:

- 3 refer to \_\_\_\_\_ as “the elect one” prophesied in Isa. 42:1; see Lu. 23:35; 1 Pet. 2:4,6
- 2 refer to individuals: \_\_\_\_\_ & Jacob; Acts 9:15; Rom. 9:11
- 2 refer to “the elect lady,” 2 John 1:1 & 13 (Ryrie: A “church” or a “particular person”)

**Election & Position in Christ: INSEPARABLE DOCTRINES  
Ephesians 1:1-13**

Critical to any discussion of *ELECTION* is Eph. 1:4, ...He [God] chose us in Him before the foundation of the kosmos...

- “chose us” = elect (Aorist T., Middle V., Indicative Mode from *eklego*) us (collectively)
- “He chose us (collectively) in Him” = our election is inseparable from our \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ IN HIM.

**Conclusion #1** Biblical Election is directly related to positional-identity in Eph. 1:4.

**Conclusion #2** Positional-Identity is the emphasis of Eph. 1:1-13: NOT election.

Note the positional emphasis of Eph. 1:1-13 (i.e., *in Christ, in Him, in Whom*)

- v. 1 the believers in Ephesus are addressed as \_\_\_\_\_ “in Christ Jesus”
- v. 3 “in Christ,” believers are blessed with all spiritual blessings...

- v. 4 God chose believers collectively “in Christ”
- v. 6 “in Christ,” God made (lit., *blessed*) us (KJ, *made us acceptable*)
- v. 7 “in Him,” we continually have (Present Active Indicative)
  - redemption (via His blood/death)
  - forgiveness of sins
- v. 10 “in Christ,” “in Him,” the entire \_\_\_\_\_ will be reconciled to God
- v. 11 “in Him,” believers have a future inheritance
- v. 13 “in Him,” we trusted: \_\_\_\_\_ the verbal \_\_\_\_\_
  - after hearing the Gospel
  - we believed/trusted (\_\_\_\_\_ Voice)
  - we were sealed (\_\_\_\_\_ Voice) by the Holy Spirit

**Conclusion #3** Positional-Identity-Truths are the major thrust of Ephesians 1 (the letter itself has 35 uses), therefore DO NOT LET ANYONE MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ ITS MAJOR THRUST.

### Doctrinal Considerations

- ❖ We are chosen in Him before the time-space-kosmos began: Biblical election and Position-Identity in Christ are inseparable doctrines for our age, Ephesians 1:3-4.
  - the emphasis in the Pauline Epistles is “Position Identity,” NOT ELECTION! “In Christ,” “In Him,” etc. = \_\_\_\_\_ times in Paul’s letters. (*election, elect, chosen* = 51 times in the entire New Testament, only 7 of which are singular)
- ❖ Biblical election includes:
  - Christ as God’s one and only Elect Messiah, Isaiah 42:1-7
  - We who are chosen IN HIM (Church Age), and
  - Others are chosen for their particular dispensation (i.e., Israel, Kingdom, etc.)
- ❖ Paul’s preaching (as per Acts 13-28) always emphasized the Gospel, \_\_\_\_\_ election (so should ours).
- ❖ God’s elective choice is always for functional purpose. In our age, it relates to function in the Body of Christ. Involved is what is often referred to as our “calling.” Example: Paul, Romans 1:1; Colossians 1:1, 1 Timothy 1:1. (See also 1 Corinthians 1:26-30).
- ❖ 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 contains the best New Testament explanation of the calling and election process.