

## ***Election in 1 & 2 Peter: Always Corporate (collective)***

In the Petrine Epistles, references to *election* are found in 1 Peter 1:1-2; 2:9, & 5:13; and in 2 Peter, solely in 1:10. It behooves us to look at each usage.

1 Peter 1:1-2, NKJ

*<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> elect according to [κατὰ, kata] the foreknowledge of God the Father, in [ἐν, en] sanctification of the Spirit, for [εἰς, eis] obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.*

- ❖ Note first of all: The pilgrims of the dispersion (mostly Jewish-Christians) are addressed as

*-elect ones* (plural): i.e., CHOICE or CHOSEN ones from \_\_\_\_\_ **point of view**.

- ❖ Three prepositional phrases follow that indicate the involvement of the triune God in the salvific plan that results in becoming CHOICE or ELECT ones.

FIRST: Their (our) election is IN ACCORD WITH (the preposition is κατὰ / kata) the \_\_\_\_\_ \* of God, the Father.

*\*foreknowledge* (πρόγνωσις / prognosis) = *to know beforehand*. Foreknowledge is not causative.

SECOND: Their (our) election is *in* (ἐν / en) or *by* sanctification of Spirit.

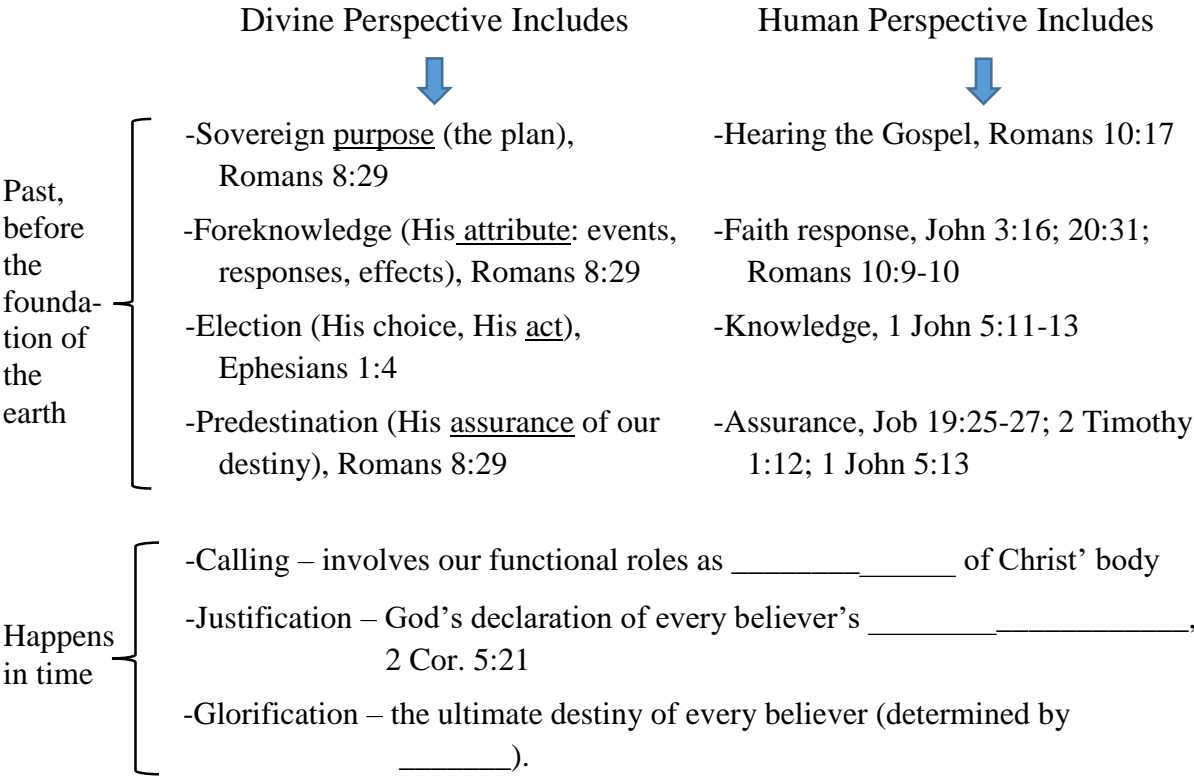
*-election is by or in* the sphere of the Holy Spirit's operational ministries.

-This involves His pre-salvation ministries as per Genesis 6:3; John 16:8.

THIRD: The preposition εἰς / eis – *unto*: Our election coupled with the work of the Holy Spirit leads *unto* (eis) direct application of Christ's blood-death for our sins.

NOTE ONCE AGAIN: Salvific application begins with \_\_\_\_\_ of sins.

## Two Perspectives of Salvation in Scripture



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- ❖ One purpose of God making us \_\_\_\_\_ or *elect ones* is that we might make known His glorious essence, 1 Peter 2:9.
- ❖ God has *choice/elect ones* elsewhere: WE ARE NOT ALONE, 1 Peter 5:13.
- ❖ 2 Peter 1:10: It is imperative from God’s point of view that every believer is responsible to make his/her calling and \_\_\_\_\_ certain/sure/firm. How does one do that? How does this conflict with Reformed Theology’s doctrine of salvation?