

## **Adult Sunday School Lesson: 28 September 2025**

### **UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION: Why Am I a Christian?**

Ephesians 1:1-6; Romans 9:10-18

#### **1. Unconditional Election as a Distinctive of Reformed Theology**

- 5 points of Calvinism
  - Total Depravity:
  - Unconditional Election:
  - Limited Atonement:
  - Irresistible Grace:
  - Perseverance of the Saints:
- Doctrines of grace
  - The exposition of the gospel
- Controversy in the Dutch Reformed Church
  - The Remonstrance of 1610
  - Synod of Dort (1618-1619)
  - Canons of Dort
- A pastoral angle to TULIP – Why am I a Christian?

#### **2. Unconditional Election defined (Rom 9:10-18)**

- Election not conditioned upon any merit (Deut 7:6-8)
- Unconditional election as Sovereign election
  - God's purpose and God's calling
  - Election rests on God's sovereign decision to save whomsoever  
He is pleased to save

- None receive injustice
- Sovereign election: “God saved you, because He had a plan to save you.”  
(cf. 2 Thess 2:13)
  - Comfort and assurance for the believer (cf. Rom 11:33-35)

#### **3. The Character & Blessings of Divine Election (Eph 1:3-5)**

- The divine motive in election
  - The love of God the Father (Deut 7:9a; Eph 2:4)
- The blessing of adoption
  - God chose us for Himself
  - Adoption is the gracious act of God whereby He chooses us, calls us to Himself, and gives us the privileges and blessings of being His children.
  - Our inheritance as God's children (Eph 1:11)

#### **4. The Outcome of Divine Election (Eph 1:6)**

- To the praise of His glory shining in His saving grace
- God is glorified by His saving grace
  - “O how the grace of God amazes me!”
  - A posture of humility (1 Cor 4:7)
- God is glorified in bringing to pass what He has appointed
  - Acts 13:48; Rom 8:30
  - Psalm 103:2-4
- “O it is wonderful to be a Christian!”