

**"GOD'S GRACIOUS ELECTION"****Introduction**

1. The wonderful sentence here
2. A paragraph of blessings
3. At the start: "chosen in Christ"

**1. ALL GOD'S WORKS ARE THE FRUIT OF HIS THOUGHTS**

- 1) God first has thoughts – then works
- 2) God's thoughts are the cause of His works
- 3) God's thoughts are from eternity past
- 4) God's works are done in time
- 5) Man, in God's image, is similar:
  - (i) before the house is the plan
  - (ii) before the bridge is built – a picture
- 6) God's thoughts are referred to as: His "thoughts" / "purpose" / "decree" / "book"  
**DOCTRINE**: what God plans in eternity He performs in time

**2. GOD'S ELECTION**

- 1) The immense thoughts of God: Acts 15:18:  
**OBSERVE**: 4 things: creation / providence / redemption / judgement
- 2) In particular:
  - (i) Christ elected: 1 Peter 1:20
  - (ii) the Jewish election: Amos 3:2
  - (iii) election to eternal life: Eph. 1:4

- (iv) an order: Jews – Gentiles – Both  
**DOCTRINE**: In all this we see God's goodness and wisdom displayed.

**3. THE BLESSINGS WHICH ELECTION GIVES**

- 1) All spiritual blessings in Christ
- 2) In particular:
  - (i) God shows us ourselves: **Illustration**: Paul
  - (ii) We are brought to our knees
  - (iii) The New Birth: re-created
  - (iv) Justification: legal aspect
  - (v) Sanctification: depravity healed
  - (vi) Adoption: God is my Father
  - (vii) Glorification: at home with God
- 3) It is all of God's free grace  
**APPLICATION**: Blessed be God, who has done it!

**4. WORRIES WHICH ELECTION MAY BRING**

- 1) "I may not be elect". Answer.
- 2) "God may not want me". Answer
- 3) "Does God offer Christ to me?" Answer
- 4) **ILLUSTRATION**: A great doorway.

**CONCLUSION**

1. "No man can come..."
2. "Whosoever will..."
3. Augustine's prayer

**PSALM****113: 1 – 9****33: 6 – 11****65: 1 – 4**