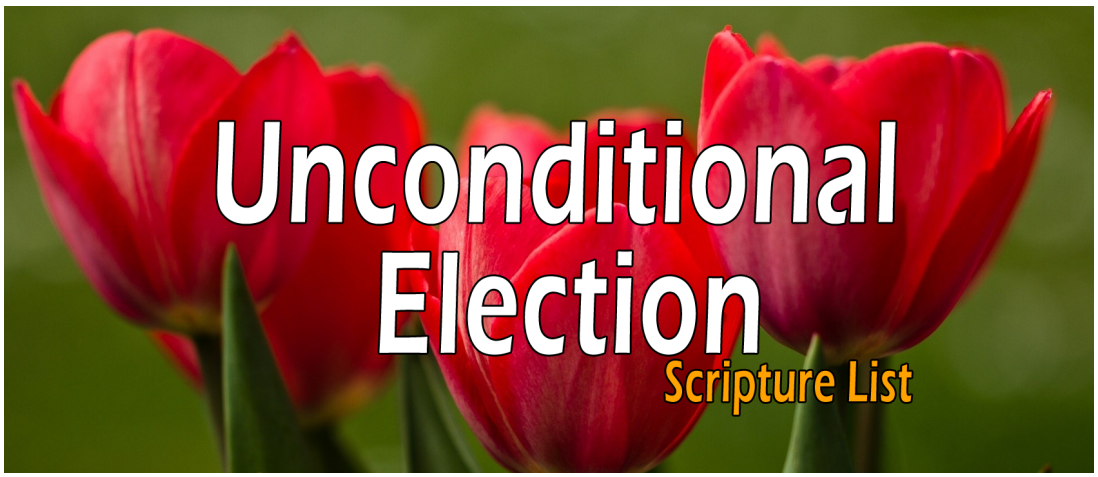
Unconditional Election, Sovereign Grace - Scripture List

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God elects a specific people unto Himself without reference to *anything they do.* This means the basis of God's choice of the elect is *solely* within Himself: His grace, His mercy, His will. It is not man's actions, works, or *even foreseen faith,* that "draws" God's choice. God's election is unconditional *and final.**[1]***

God's choice of certain individuals for salvation before the foundation of the world rested solely in His own sovereign will. His choice of particular sinners was not based on any foreseen response or obedience on their part, such as faith, repentance, etc. On the contrary, God gives faith and repentance to each individual whom He selected. These acts are the result, not the cause, of God's choice. Election, therefore, was not determined by, or conditioned upon, any virtuous quality or act foreseen in man. Those whom God sovereignly elected He brings through the power of the Spirit to a willing acceptance of Christ. Thus, God's choice of the sinner, not the sinner's choice of Christ, is the ultimate cause of salvation.[2]

For a defense and case for this doctrine see here.

General verses regarding Unconditional Election

Ps 65:4 *Blessed is **the one you choose and bring near**, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!*

Mt 11:25-30 *At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that **you have hidden these things from the wise** and understanding and **revealed them to little children**;* 26 *yes, Father, for **such was your gracious will.*** 27 *All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and **no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*** 28 *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* 29 *Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* 30 *For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

Mt 22:14 *For **many are called**, but **few are chosen**.*

Jn 6:37 *All that the **Father gives me will come to me**, and whoever comes to me **I will never cast out.***

Jn 13:18 *I am not speaking of all of you; **I know whom I have chosen.** But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.**[3]**'*

Jn 15:16 *You did not choose me, but **I chose you** and **appointed you** that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.*

Acts 2:39 *For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, **everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself**."*

Acts 2:47 *praising God and having favor with all the people. And the **Lord added to their number** day by day those who were being saved.*

Acts 13:46-48 *And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.* 47 *For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "'I have made you a **light for the Gentiles**, that you may bring **salvation to the ends of the earth.**'"* 48 *And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and **as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.***

Rom 8:29-30 *For those whom he **foreknew** he also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.* 30 *And those whom he **predestined** he also **called**, and those whom he called he also **justified**, and those whom he justified he also **glorified**.*

Rom 11:5-7 *So too at the present time there **is a remnant, chosen by grace**.* 6 *But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.* 7 *What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The **elect obtained it**, but the **rest were hardened**,*

Eph 1:3-6 *Blessed be the God and **Father** of our Lord **Jesus** Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,* 4 *even as he **chose us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be **holy** and **blameless** before him. **In love*** 5 ***he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus** Christ, according to the **purpose of his will**,* 6 *to the **praise of his glorious grace**, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

Eph 1:11-12 *In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been **predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,*** 12 *so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.*

Eph 2:10 *For we are his **workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which **God prepared beforehand**, that we should walk in them.*

Phil 2:12-13 *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling, for* 13 *it is **God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.***

1Thess 1:4-5 *For we know, brothers loved by God, that **he has chosen you,*** 5 *because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.*

1Thess 5:9-10 *For God has **not destined us for wrath**, but to **obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus** Christ,* 10 *who **died for us** so that whether we are awake or asleep **we might live with him.***

2Thess 2:13-14 *But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because **God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved**, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.* 14 *To this **he called you through our gospel**, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1Pet 1:1-2 *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, **To those who are elect** exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,* 2 *according to the **foreknowledge of God the Father**, in the **sanctification of the Spirit**, for **obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood**: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.*

God's purpose in election

Isa 43:6-7 *I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; **bring my sons from afar** and my daughters from the end of the earth,* 7 ***everyone who is called by my name**, whom **I created for my glory**, whom I formed and made."*

Rom 9:22-24 *What if God, desiring to **show his wrath** and to **make known his power**, has endured with much patience **vessels of wrath prepared for destruction**,* 23 *in order to make known the **riches of his glory for vessels of mercy**, which he has **prepared beforehand for glory**—* 24 *even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?*

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Eph 2:4-7 *But God, being **rich in mercy**, because of the **great love with which he loved us**,* 5 *even when we were **dead in our trespasses**, **made us alive** together with Christ— **by grace** you have been saved—*6 *and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,* 7 *so that in the coming ages **he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace** in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

2Tim 1:8-12 *Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,* 9 *who **saved us** and **called us to a holy calling**, **not because of our works** but **because of his own purpose** and grace, which he **gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began**,* 10 *and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,* 11 *for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,* 12 *which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.*

Saved by God's free will

Jn 1:11-13 *He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.* 12 *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**,* 13 *who were born, not of blood nor of the **will of the flesh** nor of the will of man, but **of God**.*

Rom 9:15-16 *For he says to Moses, "**I will have mercy on whom I have mercy**, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."* 16 *So then it depends not on **human will** or exertion, but on **God, who has mercy.***

1Cor 1:30-31 *And **because of him you are in Christ Jesus**, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,* 31 *so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."*

Jas 1:18 ***Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

The reason of election is not in the person being chosen

Jer 1:5 *"Before I formed you **in the womb I knew you**, and before you were born **I consecrated you**; **I appointed you** a prophet to the nations."*

Rom 9:10-13 *And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac,* 11 *though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that **God's purpose of election** might continue, **not because of works** but because of **him who calls**—* 12 *she was told, "The older will serve the younger."* 13 *As it is written, "**Jacob I loved**, but **Esau I hated**."[4]*

Rom 10:20 *Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been **found by those who did not seek me**; I have **shown myself to those who did not ask for me.[5]"***

1Cor 1:27-29 *But **God chose what is foolish** in the world to shame the wise; **God chose what is weak** in the world to shame the strong;* 28 ***God chose what is low** and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,* 29 *so that **no human being might boast** in the presence of God.*

God grants repentance, faith, grace to the sinner

Acts 5:31 *God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give **repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.***

Acts 11:18 *When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also **God has granted repentance that leads to life**."*

Acts 15:8-9 *And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by **giving them the Holy Spirit** just as he did to us,* 9 *and he made no distinction between us and them, having **cleansed their hearts by faith.***

Acts 16:14 *One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The **Lord opened her heart** to pay attention to what was said by Paul.*

Acts 18:27-28 *And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped* ***those who through grace had believed,*** 28 *for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.*

1Cor 12:8-10 *For* ***to one is given through the Spirit*** *the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,* 9 *to another* ***faith by the same Spirit****, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,* 10 *to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.*

Eph 2:8-9 *For by* ***grace you have been saved through faith****. And* ***this is not your own doing****; it is the* ***gift of God****,* 9 *not a result of works, so that no one may boast.****[6]***

The ESV Study Bible explains:

> **By grace** refers to God's favor upon those who have transgressed his law and sinned against him. But grace may also be understood as a "power" in these verses. God's grace not only offers salvation but also secures it. **Saved** refers to deliverance from God's wrath at the final judgment (Rom. 5:9); "by grace you have been saved" is repeated from Eph. 2:5 for emphasis. The verb form for "have been saved" (Gk. sesōsmenoi, perfect tense) communicates that the Christian's salvation is fully secured. **through faith**. Faith is a confident trust and reliance upon Christ Jesus and is the only means by which one can obtain salvation. **this**. The Greek pronoun is neuter, while "grace" and "faith" are feminine. Accordingly, "this" points to the whole process of "salvation by grace through faith" as being the gift of God and not something that we can accomplish ourselves. This use of the neuter pronoun to take in the whole of a complex idea is quite common in Greek (e.g., 6:1); its use here makes it clear that faith, no less than grace, is a gift of God. Salvation, therefore, in every respect, is **not your own doing.**

Phil 1:29-30 *For it has been* ***granted to you*** *that for the sake of Christ you should not only* ***believe in him*** *but also suffer for his sake,* 30 *engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.*

2Tim 2:24-26 *And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil,* 25 *correcting his opponents with gentleness.* ***God may perhaps grant them repentance*** *leading to a knowledge of the truth,* 26 *and they may come to their senses and escape from the* ***snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.***

Heb 12:1-2 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,* 2 *looking to* ***Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith****, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

2Pet 1:1-2 *Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To* ***those who have obtained****[7]* ***a faith of equal standing with ours*** *by the righteousness of* ***our God and Savior Jesus*** *Christ:* 2 *May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

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[1] James White, The Potter's Freedom (New Revised Edition 2009) p. 39

[2] "The Five Points of Calvinism: Defined, Defended, and Documented" Ed. 2, pp. 6.

[3] C.f. Ps 41:9

[4] C.f. 1Kg 22:1, Mal 1:2

[5] C.f. Isa 65:1

[6] http://www.gty.org/resources/bible-qna/BQ053113

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- G2975 λαγχάνω lagchano (lang-khan'-o) v.
- 1. to lot, i.e. determine (by implication, receive) especially by lot
- [a prolonged form of a primary verb, which is only used as an alternate in certain tenses]
- KJV: his lot be, cast lots, obtain
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