

**INTRODUCTION.**

- A. Scripture text: **Acts 17:11**.
- B. We are God's elect when we are faithful to the call of the gospel of Christ. After we have obeyed Him, He chooses us to be His own people.
- C. The 'elect' can also have the meaning of chose, or chosen, or selection, or to pick out.
- D. Tonight let us speak about being the elect of God.

**I. FOUR USES OF "EKLEKTOS" OR EKLEGOMAI"**

- A. Four times in the book of Acts it means an appointment to a particular office (Ac. 6:5; 15:22,25; 1:24).
- B. Luke 14:7 describes self esteem when men choose a special seat at the table.
- C. Mary chose the good things over the cares of the world (Lk. 10:38-42).
- D. All other cases describe God and/or Christ's work of selection (or election).

**II. PREREQUISITES TO GOD'S ELECTION.**

- A. We must first be called.
- B. Jesus recognized this fact (Mt. 22:14). "Many are called but few are chosen."
- C. We are called by the gospel of Christ (2Th. 2:14).

**III. GOD'S BLESSINGS TO THE ELECT.**

- A. Protection by God; primarily dealing with the destruction of Jerusalem (Mt. 24:22).
- B. Justice of God toward the elect; in the story of the persistent widow (Lk. 18:7).
- C. No condemnation of the elect; God justifies the elect through Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:33,34).
- D. God's predetermination of our destiny is that we are chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4).

**IV. OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S ELECTION (CHOOSING) OF US.**

- A. Be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).
- B. To put on a heart of:
  - 1. Compassion.
  - 2. Kindness.
  - 3. Humility.
  - 4. Gentleness.
  - 5. Patience (Col. 3:12).
- B. We should practice the "Christian graces" in increasing number to make our calling and election sure (2Pet. 1:10).

**INVITATION.**

- A. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.