

DIVINE ELECTION & REPROBATION

"HAVING AN ANSWER" - ISSUE 2

FIRST ARTICLE AGAINST THE REMONSTRANTS



THE EXPLANATION OF THE BIBLICAL DOCTRINE



"FOR KNOWN UNTO GOD ARE ALL HIS WORKS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD." - ACTS 15:18

ARTICLE 1 - "...God would have done no injustice by leaving all men to perish and delivering them over to condemnation on account of sin..."

- What has the law of God provided?
Ro. 3:19-20
- Therefore, what is the

eternal destiny we deserve?
Ro. 3:10-12, 23
Ro. 6:23

ARTICLE 2 - "But in this the love of God was manifested..."

- How *was* the love of God manifested?
I John 4:9

ARTICLE 3 - "That men may be brought to believe, God mercifully sends the messengers...by whose ministry men are called to repentance and faith in Christ crucified."

- How shall someone come to the Lord if they have not heard?
Romans 3:13-15
- How does God save those *who do* believe?
I Cor. 1:21

ARTICLE 4 - "The wrath of God abides on those who believe not this gospel..."

- Why would/do those who *have heard* the gospel *not* believe it?
Ro. 10:16-21
Ro. 11:2, 5-7
- Does God's wrath lie with those who have *not heard* the gospel?

ARTICLE 5 - "The cause or guilt of this unbelief...is no wise in God, but in man himself; whereas faith in Christ and salvation through Him is the free gift of God."

- Why can man *not* receive credit for his belief in God?
Eph. 2:8
Phil. 1:29

THE CANONS OF DORT

- ◆ The Remonstrants desired the Reformed church's doctrinal standards be revised and their view to be protected by the government.
- ◆ To avoid a civil war, the Netherlands voted to call a national Synod in 1617.

"WHOSEVER SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED" IS NOT A FORMULA BUT AN EVIDENCE OF SALVATION.

THE REJECTION OF ARMINIAN ERRORS

I. Who teach: That the will of God to save those *who would believe* and *would persevere in faith* and *in the obedience of faith* is the whole and entire decree of election unto salvation, and that *nothing else* concerning this decree *has been revealed* in God's Word.

Refutation: This error is deceptive and clearly contradicts Scripture, which declares not only that God will save those who believe but also that He has chosen specific persons from eter-

nity. Within time He grants to these elect, above others, both faith in Christ and perseverance.

How can we be sure that belief is of God?

- John 17:5-8
- Acts 13:48
- Eph 1:4

II. Who teach: That there are various kinds of election: one general and indefinite, the other particular and definite, but the

second can be incomplete and conditional or complete and absolute. There is also election to faith and another election to salvation.

Refutation: This is all an invention of the human mind without any Scriptural basis.

What is the golden chain of salvation? Rom 8:30

DISCUSS: Some might argue the relevance or importance of this matter.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"But as many were ordained to eternal life believed."
- Acts 13:48

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1. **MANIFESTED** (GR. 5319) - TO RENDER APPARENT; TO MAKE EVIDENT
2. **ELECTION** (GR. 1589) - (DIVINE) SELECTION; CHOSEN.
3. **REPROBATE** (GR. 96) - UNAPPROVED, REJECTED; CASTAWAY