

REPROBATION CLARIFIED

ARTICLE 15 - REPROBATION DESCRIBED

“The Word of God not only illustrates...the eternal and undeserved grace of election but also declares that some have not been elected, or have been passed by...and left in the common misery into which they have by their own fault plunged themselves. These, having not been given the saving faith and grace of conversion and having been left in their own ways and under His just judgment, God has decreed finally to condemn and punish eternally, not only on the account of their unbelief but also on account of all their other sins, in order to display His justice. This is the decree of reprobation, which by no means makes God the author of sin, but rather declares Him to be its awesome, blameless, and just judge and avenger.”

- 14. Why is God “willing to show His wrath”? Romans 9:21-23
- 15. We hear of churches today quoting “Christ to be the chief Corner Stone and he that believeth on Him shall not be put to shame.” However, what is *not being* quoted and is left out of sermons teaching the work of the Corner Stone? 1 Peter 2:6-8
- 16. What are those who “stumble” at the Word allowed to do? Acts 14:16

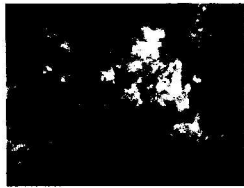
ARTICLE 16 - RESPONSES TO THE DOCTRINE OF REPROBATION

- 1) “Those in whom exists a living faith in Christ, and assured confidence of soul, peace of conscience, a zeal for childlike obedience, and a glorifying in God through Christ who cannot clearly discern themselves as an elect child of God, ought not be alarmed when reprobation is mentioned. Rather, they should diligently continue to use the means which God has appointed for working these graces in us, fervently desire a time of more abundant grace, and expect it with reverence and humility.”
- 2) “Others seriously desire to be converted to God, to please Him only, and to be delivered from the body of death. Yet they cannot reach that point on the way of godliness and faith which they would like. They should even be less terrified by the doctrine of reprobation, since a merciful God has promised not to quench the smoking flax nor to break the bruised reed.”
- 3) “Still others disregard God and the Savior Jesus Christ and have completely given themselves over to the cares of the world and the lusts of the flesh. For them this doctrine of reprobation is rightly fearsome as long as they do not seriously turn to God.”
- 17. How do we know that God will not leave His elect in an unsaved state? Isaiah 42:1-8; Matt. 13:20
- 18. Would you agree that James 2:26 describes the faith of a reprobate?
- 19. How does Matthew 13:22-23 compare/contrast the reprobate to a elect child of God?

ARTICLE 17 - CHILDREN OF BELIEVERS WHO DIE IN INFANCY

“We must judge concerning the will of God from His Word, which declares that the children of believers are holy, not by nature but in virtue of the covenant of grace, in which they are included with their parents. Therefore, God-fearing parents ought not to doubt the election and salvation of their children whom God calls out of this life in their infancy.”

- 20. What comfort does God’s Word provide parents concerning their children? Isaiah 59:21; Acts 2:38-39; 1 Corinthians 7:14
- 21. What is the awesome responsibility given to parents concerning their children? Deut. 6:6-9



“WHAT IF GOD, WILLING TO SHOW HIS WRATH, AND TO MAKE HIS POWER KNOWN, ENDURED WITH MUCH LONGSUFFERING THE VESSELS OF WRATH FITTED FOR DESTRUCTION: AND THAT HE MIGHT MAKE KNOWN THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY ON THE VESSELS OF MERCY, WHICH HE HAD AFORE PREPARED FOR GLORY.”
- ROMANS 9:21-23

THE GRACE OF UNDESERVED ELECTION AND THE SEVERITY OF RIGHTEOUS REPROBATION STIRS A PROTEST IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO HOLD TO A DIFFERENT DOCTRINE.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

“My spirit is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed’s seed...”
-Isaiah 59:21



“FOR THE PROMISE IS TO YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN...EVEN AS MANY AS THE LORD GOD SHALL CALL.”
- ACTS 2:39