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## ***Lazarus and the TULIP, Part 2***

### **Selected Scriptures**

#### **II. Unconditional Election**

##### **A. How to understand this doctrine (Rom. 9:5-24; Eph. 1:4-5, 11)**

Unconditional election means that God does not \_\_\_\_\_  
an action or condition on our part that persuades Him to save us.  
Rather, election depends on God's \_\_\_\_\_  
decision to save whomever He chooses according to His divine will.

##### **B. How it is taught in the Gospel of John**

1. Election is not \_\_\_\_\_ on your will  
but on God's will (Jn. 1:12-13)
2. Election is being \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit  
by the Spirit (Jn. 3:3-6; 6:63)

3. Election is a \_\_\_\_\_ from the Father  
to the Son (Jn. 6:37)

4. Election points to the \_\_\_\_\_  
prerogative of God (Jn. 12:36-40)

5. Election was not you \_\_\_\_\_ God but  
God choosing you (Jn. 15:16, 19)

##### **C. How to appreciate the benefits of unconditional election (this will serve as our "Take Home" section)**

1. Election is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Election encourages our \_\_\_\_\_ for God
3. Election enriches our \_\_\_\_\_
4. Election aids us in our \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. How much do you know about the Reformation? When did you first hear about the Doctrines of Grace? What was your first reaction? What do you think about them now?

2. What is the definition of Unconditional Election? How does that flow out of our definition of Total Depravity?

3. Which part of Romans 9 or Ephesians 1 do you think helps you understand Unconditional Election the most clearly? Which part is still confusing?

4. Read John 1:12-13. Does this passage teach that becoming a Christian is based on your will or on God’s will? Why do so many insist salvation is still based on man’s free will?

5. Read John 3:3-6 and 6:63. According to these passages who is responsible for you being born again? Would you say there is still a mystery in all of this or not?

6. Read John 12:36-40. What is this passage saying? Why would God blind the eyes of some? What is the difference between election and reprobation? Please explain.

7. Read John 15:16, 19. Who chose who first, according to these verses? How does that make you feel? What changes in your thinking should take place once you realize this truth?

8. Read through the benefits of unconditional election. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will the doctrine of election effect the way you live your life for Christ this week?

*“Shouldn’t God show mercy to everyone? Anyone who asks that question still has not grasped the situation. The operative word in the question is ‘should,’ which means ‘ought’ or ‘must,’ if justice is to be done. But as soon as we use that word we are back in the category of justice and are no longer dealing with mercy. If there is any ‘should’ in the matter, the issue is no longer mercy. We are talking about justice, and as we have seen, justice can do nothing but send every human being to hell.  
It is not justice that we need from God; it is grace.”*

- James Montgomery Boice, *The Doctrines of Grace*