

The Doctrines of Grace
#3: Chosen Unconditionally by the Grace of God
Romans 11:5-6

A) The Expanding Scope of God's Plan of Salvation

From one nation to all nations

- For 2000 years of human history, since the time of Abraham, essentially only Jews were saved. (Deut 7:6-8; Matt 10:5-6; 15:24; Acts 11:18).
- With the implementation of God's New Covenant He expanded the parameters of salvation (Rev 5:9; Matt 28:19).
- The remnant chosen by grace for salvation is small (Matt 7:13-14; 22:14).

B) Dealing with Misconceptions of God's Plan of Salvation

- 1) Pluralism (all religions can save) (John 14:6).
- 2) Armenianism (fairism)
- 3) Fideism (faith in contradiction) (John 3:16, 18, 36)
- 4) Hyper-Calvinism (no need to evangelize)
 - Gracism does not discourage evangelism- but encourages it. (Eph 1:4-5,11; John 6:37; Acts 13:45; 2 Tim 2:10; 1 Cor 1:22; 2 Cor 2:15-16)

L.I.F.E. Group Discussion ?'s

- What do you want to remember and/or apply from the Sunday message?
- What is your response to the fact of biblical history that salvation was essentially only for Jews for 2000 years?
- What evidence do we have that America has been favored by God? What does this mean for us?
- Do you agree or disagree with Pastor Kurt's interpretation of John 3:16? Why or why not?
- What is your understanding of the ultimate reason some people are saved and others are not?