

The Doctrine of Election: God's Fathomless Love

Definition of Election: The Biblical teaching that God in eternity past, apart from anything foreseen in them, chose the specific individuals who were to be saved.*

I. How Scripture Talks about Election:

Clearly, Boldly, and Explicitly

A. The Old Testament: Gen. 12:1-4; Deut. 7:6-11

B. The Gospels: Matt. 11:25-28; John 6:37, 44; 10:22-28; 15:16; 17:6

C. Luke: Acts 13:48

D. Paul & Peter: 1 Cor. 1:22-31; Eph. 1:4-5; 1 Thess. 1:4; 2 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 1:9;
1 Peter 1:1-2

E. If Scripture talks about election [God's sovereign choice] so freely and comfortably, shouldn't we as well?

II. Why Scripture Teaches Election:

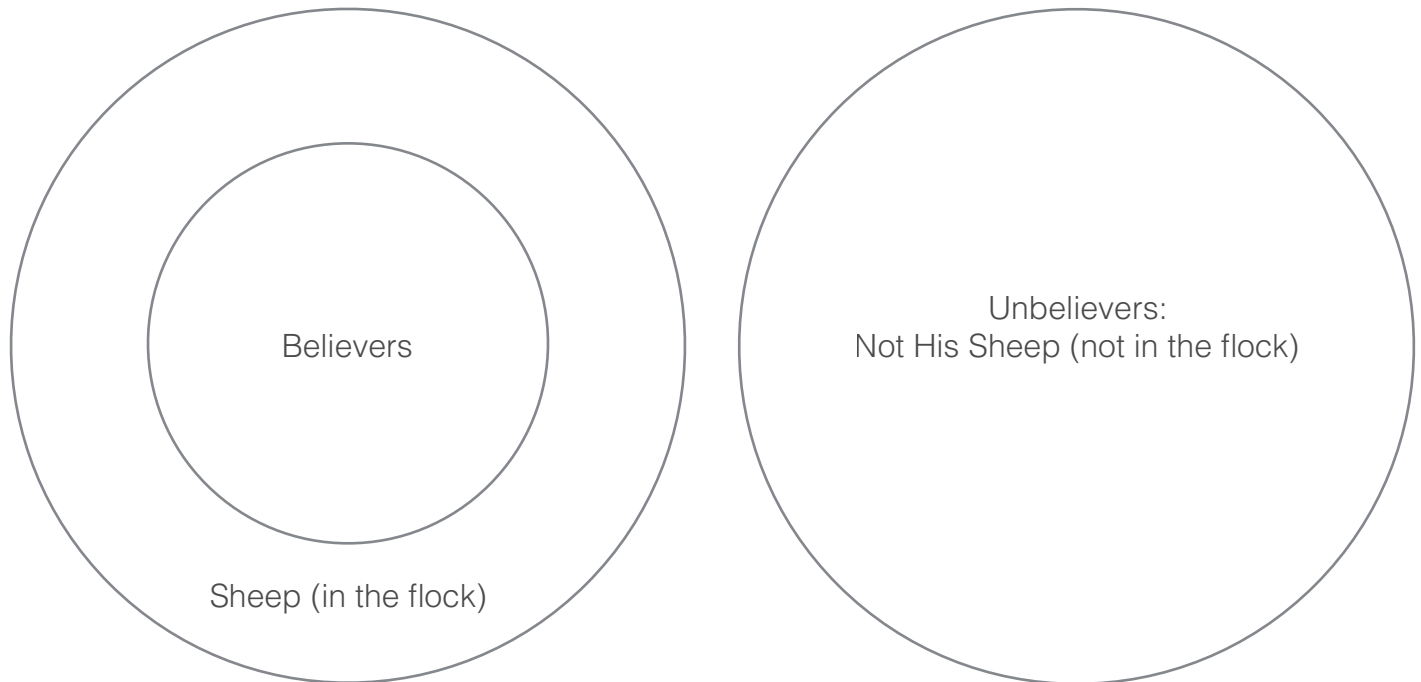
A. It is in Complete Harmony with the Truth of Man's Deadness and Inability
(Eph. 2:1; John 3:19-20; Rom. 3:11; 8:7)

B. It is in Complete Harmony with the Attribute of God's Sovereignty
(John 6:44; Psalm 139:16; Romans 9)

III. What Should be Your Response to this Teaching?

A.

B.



John 10:26-27

Logical and Scriptural Proof of Election:

Given: Man is indeed dead in sin (Eph 2:1), And will never, (apart from the sovereign work of the grace of God), come to the light (because he, by nature, loves the darkness — John 3:19; Rom. 8:7).

And Given: There are people who are in the light (1 Pet. 2:9-10).

Then: Election—God's sovereign choosing of people upon whom He lavishes His grace and forgiveness —must be true (1 Pet. 2:9-10). Because there is no other possible way for people to be saved! They cannot save themselves! There is no possible way for them to play any part in their salvation or choosing because they are dead and do not love the light. Therefore, if any are saved it must be by God's sole and sovereign work: Election.