



**Today's Sermon:**

***Unconditional Election: The Necessary First Work of God.***

I. Definition of Terms

*A. Unconditional*

*B. Election*

II. Show me the Scripture

*A. Old Testament*

*B. New Testament*

III. What about free will?

*A. Do my choices even matter?*

IV. Does this doctrine really matter?

*A. Yes*

*B. Yes*

V. How do I know if I'm elect?

*A. What are you trusting in right now?*

**Gospel Application**

*Will you worship and glorify God because he loved you first?*

*Can you see the height of God and continue to wrestle with the fact that we cannot sound his depth?*

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to sonship<sup>n</sup> through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—<sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup>he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup>to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup>In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup>in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.