



What the Bible teaches about Election

2 Peter 1:3-11 (NKJV)

³as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. ⁵But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. ⁸For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Introduction

Election is a sovereign act of God in grace, whereby God chooses those who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, whom He foreknew would accept even before the foundation of the world.

- Election is a sovereign act of God. He does not have to consult with nor ask the opinion of anyone.

- The Scripture teaches that election took place "before the foundation of the world."

Ephesians 1:4

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

- There is none with whom God could consult. All men sinned and are guilty before God. He was not in any obligation whatsoever to provide salvation to any.

- Election is "in Christ alone" because He alone can provide the righteousness.

- It is "in Christ" because He alone could provide all righteousness, which man needed. God could not choose man in Himself, so He chose him "in Christ."

- Election is always said to be according to God's foreknowledge.

Romans 8:28-30

²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

1 Peter 1:1-2

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the

blood of Jesus Christ:

- Clarifying between God's foreknowledge and God's foreordained

- There is a difference between what God determines to bring to pass and what God merely permits to happen for sin to enter the universe.

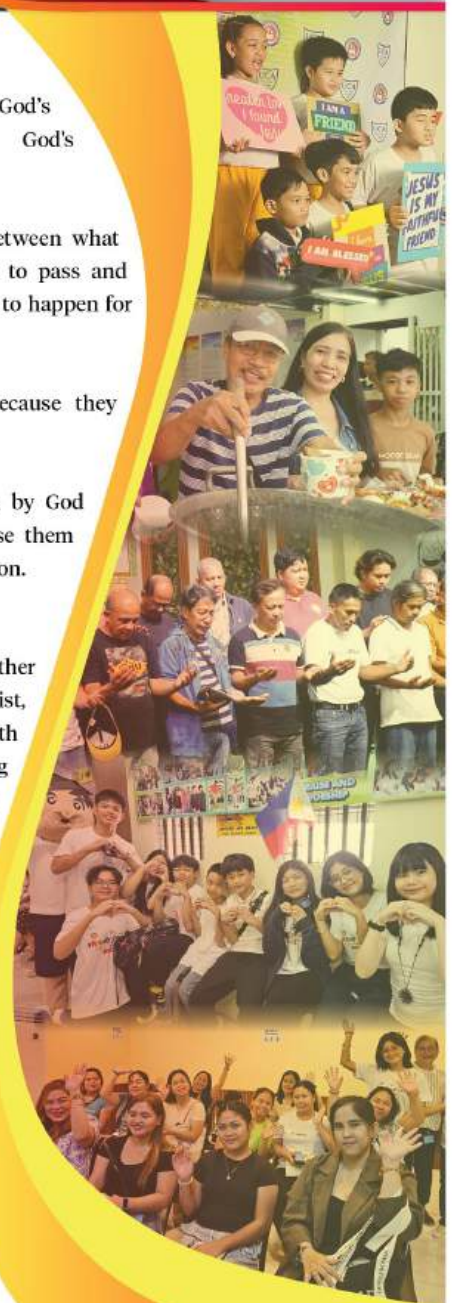
- Men are not saved because they believe, but by believing.

- Believers were foreseen by God "in Christ" when he chose them through faith to His dear Son.

Ephesians 1:3-5

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

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Ang Huwarang Ama

Ang pamilya ay pinamumunuan ng isang
huwarang ama
Siya ang haligi ng tahananang may tiyagang kakaiba
Siya ay nagsisikap at nagpapagal sa tuwina
Maitaguyod lamang ang minamahal na pamilya

May takot sa Diyos at may pagmamahal sa kapwa
Tanim sa puso ay aral ng Panginoon at disiplina
Sa oras ng pangamba, siya ang iyong kasangga
Lumalakad nang may katuwiran,
pumoprotekta at nangangalaga

Tulad ng ating Diyos Ama na
bukas ang langit kung magpala
Ang isang ama'y bukas palad din
sa mga anak hanggang pagtanda
At kung kinakailangan din ang pagtutuwid niya
Kaniyang gagawin upang landas mo'y maitama

Walang humpay na pasasalamat sa kaniyang
pagiging huwaran
Na masiglang nagtataguyod umaraw man o umulan
Salita ng Diyos ang kaniyang sandigan at kalakasan
Upang magtagumpay sa pamumuno at
pangangalaga ng tahanan.

Maligayang Araw ng mga Ama sa ating mga minamahal na ama ng UCF!

Ephesians 1:3-4
(NKJV)

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FRIENDSHIP DAY

I am a Friend of Jesus

1 JOHN 4:7

TOGETHER IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST



PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Students gladly sing and dance praises to the Lord together with their classmates. With joy in their hearts, they give honor to the name of Jesus Christ.

As the school that cares for the students' future, United Christian Academy (UCA) upholds Christian values and imparts them to its students, most especially teaching them to love one another the same way the Father loves us.

With the beginning of the new school year, UCA ensures students feel welcome and comfortable in school. To get to know their schoolmates and build relationship with them, UCA organized the Friendship Day last June 13-14, Friday and Saturday, with the theme 1 John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

From singing praises to the Lord to playing fun games, students enjoyed not only bonding with their classmates, but also meeting new friends. Learning has never been more exciting knowing that you have a loving family in UCA!



Students show their love for the Lord by giving their best in singing and dancing, leading their schoolmates to also praise Jesus Christ.



Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will

Ephesians 1:5 (NKJV)

Truly, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace, love, and joy in His presence. A simple yet meaningful Friendship Day is centered on experiencing God's love for us and learning how to love others just like how He taught us.



The glorious presence of God fills the place as they sing praises and worship Him, and their hearts are filled with the joy that comes from Him alone.



The songs did not only bring praise and glory to our God, but they also teach us His great love for us shown through His Son Jesus Christ.



UCA School Head Rev. Dr. James Sy shared the message from God in 1 John 4:7-8, that we must love one another with the love that comes from Him. He discussed that love covers people's differences and teaches us to see the best in them. Truly, our good Lord is the epitome of love.



The students and parents listen intently as Rev. Dr. Sy shares the message of God.

Romans 8:28
(NKJV)

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God,
to those who are the called according to His purpose.

GETTING-TO-KNOW GAMES

Here in UCA, we are one big family united by the love of Jesus Christ. The students and parents participated and enjoyed playing games, making new friends, and establishing positive relationships within the school community. Despite being in different grade levels, the students made a bond with each other, even looking forward to the next days with their new friends.



Students from all grade levels enjoy the games like Bahay, Tupa, Bagyo and Friend Hunt. Laughter and smiles fill the auditorium throughout the event.



It is a blissful day of making new friends and establishing a family-like relationship with their classmates and schoolmates in the love of the Lord.



For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Romans 8:29
(NKJV)

PHOTOBOOTH

It was an extraordinary day for the students as they celebrate the Friendship Day in UCA. They gained new friends and began to know each other more as they talk to students from different grade levels. Students made sure that this special moment will be remembered. So they tagged along friends at the photobooth area.



Romans 8:30
(NKJV)

³⁰Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

TESTIMONIES

After the joyous event filled with love, kindness, and unity among the UCA students, they shared their best experiences and memorable moments with their new-found friends. From performing their presentations to playing games, everyone had fun creating memories for this school year.

"Masaya pong sumayaw kasama ang mga kaibigan ko at mga kklase ko. Masaya din po akong nakita na nakangiti ang mga kaibigan ko galing sa ibang grade level."
- **Risabella G. Aguila, Grade 9**



"Naging masaya po dahil nakasama po namin ang mga classmates namin at mas nakilala din po namin ang ibang estudyante sa UCA."

- **Renuel Catherine D. Bermin, Grade 10**



"Masaya ang Friendship Day at masaya din noong sumayaw kami."

- **Zhian Chase T. Inonog, Grade 10**

"Sobrang happy po ako dahil may new friends po ako. Masaya din po ang mga activity and also when we were praising God."

- **Aliyah Jean L. Arriola, Grade 7**

"Pinakamasayang part po ng Friendship Day ay noong nag-games po kami dahil nakakilala po ako ng ibang mga student dito sa UCA."

- **Sophia Adriana A. Villafranca, Grade 7**



"Masaya po dahil doon sa naging laro po namin ay marami po kaming nakilala."

- **Carl Justine G. Cortez, Grade 10**



"Thankful po ako na marami po akong nakilalang bagong friends kasi mas masaya po kapag maraming friends."

- **Sophia Lyka C. Soriaso, Grade 7**



"My favorite part is when we had fun games and when we met new friends."

- **Julius Chester C. Britos, Grade 8**

"My favorite part of Friendship Day is making new friends. The experience was also fun."

- **Xian Jacob R. Arguelles, Grade 8**

"My most memorable moment is when we had games. Alam ko for the next weeks ay nakaka-refresh kasi may bago akong makakatabi sa canteen na friends. Hindi na magiging awkward kasi kilala ko na ang mga student dito, hindi lang mga kklase ko pati na rin sa lower levels kasi ate na nila ako."

- **Felicity Suzzane S. Garcia, Grade 11**



"Ang favorite kong part ay noong nakaka-meet sila ng ibang friends sa ibang grade level."

- **Sharon L. Posadas, UCA Parent**



Praise the Lord for the lives of our students and parents!

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

John 1:12
(NKJV)



Pagsasama ng Pamilya ng Diyos

Ang pagiging ama ay isang biyaya at responsibilidad na ipinagkaloob ng Diyos upang gabayan ang kanilang pamilya ayon sa aral ng Panginoon.

Upang ipagdiwang ang kanilang mga buhay, ang pamilya ng UCF ay nagkaroon ng munting salo-salo upang gunitain ang buhay ng ating mga butihing ama noong Hunyo 14, Sabado, sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church Re-Creation Center. Mula sa awitin para papurihan ang ating Diyos Ama hanggang sa pagsasalosalo ay napuno ang puso ng bawat isa ng tuwa at pagmamahal na nagmumula sa Kaniya. Kita sa ngiti ng bawat isa ang kaligayahang makasama ang pamilya ng Diyos sa araw na ito.

Purihin ang Panginoon sa buhay ng ating mga masisipag, mapagmahal at responsableng mga haligi ng tahanan!

PRAISE AND WORSHIP



Buong pusong nag-alay ng papuri at pagsamba ang kapatiran para sa kabutihan at kadakilaan ng Diyos sa kanilang mga buhay.

PANALANGIN



Sa pangunguna ni Rev. Dr. William Sy, ang lahat ay ipinanalangin ang ating mga ama upang lalo pa silang palakasin at patatagin ng Panginoon kaakibat ng kanilang pagtataguyod sa pamilyang ipinagkatiwala ng Diyos sa kanila.

John 3:3
(NKJV)

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

SALO-SALO



Ang lahat ay masayang nagsalo-salo sa masasarap na pagkaing inihanda ng kapatiran. Naging oportunidad din ito upang makapagkumustahan ang bawat isa.



TESTIMONIALS



Ang ilan sa mga kalalakihan ay nagbahagi naman ng kanilang pang-unawa sa kahalagahan ng pagdiriwang ng Araw ng mga Ama.



Bilang mga ama sa panambahan, ang ating mga butihing pastor ay binigyan ng mga regalo.

Patuloy na Kalaguan

Ang pangako ng Diyos para sa paglawak ng ministeryo Niya sa pamamagitan ng UCF ay siyang patuloy na pinanghahawakan ng Kaniyang mga anak. Tuloy-tuloy pa rin ang pagtatayo ng preschool room sa Mt Tabor bilang paghahanda sa pagbubukas ng United Christian Academy (UCA) rito. Ang kisame ng silid ay kinabitan na ng mga panel para sa ikagaganda nito. Naging mas maaliwalas ang silid para sa ikagagaan ng pag-aaral ng mga estudyante.



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16
(NKJV)

What the Bible...

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- The Bible does not teach selection, but election.

- Nowhere does the Bible teach that some are predestined to be damned.

- This would be unnecessary because all are sinners and on their way to eternal damnation.

Ephesians 2:1-3

¹And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ²in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the

air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Ephesians 2:12

that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Note

It is not man's non-election that leads to eternal ruin. It is his sin and

failure to accept and acknowledge Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior, if only man will. Not only is he invited, but is urged to do so.

- Let no idea with regard to this doctrine of election in any way hinder the preaching of the Gospel of Salvation to all humanity.

- The great commission is still the obligation of the church of Jesus Christ.

Mark 16:15-16

¹⁵And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who

does not believe will be condemned.

Challenge

The Philippian Jailer Story

Acts 16:30-31

³⁰And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Note

Not because Paul did not mention repentance that it becomes unnecessary, but rather repentance is our prerequisite to salvation. Some might attempt to teach that all you need to do to be saved is just believe.

SERMON NOTES

Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.

SHARE HIS WORD



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