

SEMESTER 1 2020

THEME | What does the bible say about being saved?



WEEK 7: Scope of Salvation – Universal? Once-saved-always-saved?
Elect? Other religions? Sects?

Who then is saved?

Key Verses

Rom. 10:12-14 *who?*

Matt. 24; Mark 13 *the Elect?*

I Sam. 17:40 *choose?*

Luke 9:35 Jesus; I Pet. 2:9 Church; Luke 6:13 Apostles; Acts 6:5 Deacons

Word Studies

Hebrew:

bachar: to choose

Original Word: בָּחַר (baw-khar')

choice (6), choicest (2), choose (40), chooses (22), choosing (1), chose (21), chosen (67), desired (2), men (1), preferred (1), require (1), select (1), selected (1), selected from the choice (1), selects (1), tested (1).

Greek:

eklegó: to select

Original Word: ἐκλέγομαι (ek-leg'-om-ahee)

Definition: to select, I pick out for myself, choose, elect, select.

eklégomai (ek, "out of" and *légō*, "speaking to a conclusion") – properly, to select (choose) out of, by a highly deliberate choice (i.e. real heart-preference) with a definite *outcome* (as with the destination of divine selection for salvation)

References

McGrath defines Universalism...

"The view that all people will be saved, irrespective of whether they have heard or responded to the Christian proclamation of redemption in Christ, has exerted a strong influence within the Christian tradition...(its) most significant exponent was Origen...related ideas have been developed in the twentieth century" (p. 344-345)

McGrath, Alister. E. (2011). Christian Theology: An Introduction. (5th ed).

Ravi Zacharias on aspects of Calvinist doctrine...

"So to sum up once again, the chapters of Romans 9, 10 and 11 are Paul's theological treatise to the Jews to alert them to the fact that this great privilege does not let them get away scot-free. They have an enormous and a proportionate responsibility. He goes on to alert other nations that, rather than complaining about it, they should be glad that a privilege was given to someone, and through that someone this message has come to them also. In fact, if you read Romans 1, 2 and 3, you will find out that the privilege that the Jew had, in many ways, for many of them, turned out to be a disadvantage. If you read Romans 5, you will find out that even though God called Abraham, it was the faith of Abraham that justified him. Once again you see the sovereignty and responsibility. Why don't we leave this enigma within the divine mind and just be grateful for the privilege that we have heard His voice and we can turn and follow Him?"

...God, therefore, has chosen to give us the option and, within that framework, He cannot call us free while absolutely violating that freedom. Both poles exist—His sovereignty and our responsibility. We rest on the fact that God is just, that God is love, that God is good, and He woos us enough so that we may trust Him and yet gives us enough freedom so that we might know that this freedom cannot be transformed into coercion."

Link: <https://soteriology101.com/2017/06/16/why-ravi-zacharias-rejects-calvinism/>

Kevin Conner on 'The Chosen Nation'

"The Choice – Scripture reveals that Israel was the nation which God chose to fulfil His own purposes..."

The Reason – God chose Israel to:

- Bless all nations
- Receive the oracles of God
- Receive the blessings of God (p. 99)

Conner, Kevin J. & Malmin, Ken. (1976). Interpreting the Scriptures.