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“L.I.F.E. In Christ”

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“If I be Lifted Up from the Earth, will Draw All unto Me” – Part 3

*Predestination & Reprobation*

**John 12:32-40**

Jesus Declares the **Particular & Definite** effect his death will have on the Cross:

1. The **Damnation** of the World: Judgment unto *Condemnation*. John 12:31A
2. The **Disarming** of Satan: power of the highest evil authority *Crushed*. John 12:31B
3. The **Definite** effect on all “Types” of men coming to HIM: the certainty of *Conversion*. John 12:32

What Determines the effect of Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross is God’s **Predestination & Reprobation**:

### PREDESTINATION

Before the foundation of the world (in e \_\_\_\_\_), God set his redeeming love on some in choosing them unto salvation (his e \_\_\_\_\_) and set the boundaries and limitation “in Christ” to infallibly ensure their redemption by his death, their forgiveness of sins by his blood, their effectual calling, their justification, their sanctification, and their glorification. He did this for those he “foreknew” before they had a being, writing their names in the “Lamb’s book of life” solely based on his sovereign free Grace alone; apart from any of their works. Eph. 2:4-10; Rom. 8:29-30; Rev. 13:8; 21:27

- A. For predestination to happen, God must be **S** \_\_\_\_\_. Ps. 103:19; Dan. 4:34-35; Is. 46:9-11; Eph. 1:11; Rev. 19:6-7
- B. The operation of predestination is exclusively choosing sinners unto **S** \_\_\_\_\_. Eph. 1:3-4; 2 Thess. 2:13; Rom. 9:10-16
- C. The purpose of predestination is to be conformed into the image of his **S** \_\_\_\_\_. Rom. 8:29A
- D. The goal of predestination is for Christ to be among many brethren **S** \_\_\_\_\_. Rom. 8:29B; Col. 1:14-19
- E. The means by which God’s predestinating purposes is **S** \_\_\_\_\_: a Triune Collaboration.
  1. The f \_\_\_\_\_/efficient cause – God the Father’s Mercy “in Christ” in election. Eph. 1:3-4
  2. The f \_\_\_\_\_/material cause – Christ’s obedience & substitutionary death. Eph. 1:7
  3. The f \_\_\_\_\_/instrumental cause – The Spirit of God (Divine agent) producing life & faith in Christ. Eph. 1:13-14; 2:8-9; Gal. 5:22
  4. The f \_\_\_\_\_ cause – the Glory of God in all his people’s glorification. Rom. 8:29-30; 11:36

What Deters sinners from coming to Christ besides their sins is God's choice in **Passing** over them:

### REPROBATION

That Doctrine by which God, in eternity past, choosing to withhold his grace and his mercy to some, and to pass over them in this way, leaving them to their own devices and passion, giving them what they want, hardening their hearts, to accomplish his divine purposes, and to ultimately suffer the pure Justice of God's wrath because of their sins – To the glory of God. Predestination is God choosing to get glory out of showing mercy to some, Reprobation is God choosing to get glory execute vengeance and Justice upon wicked. Ex. 4:21; Josh. 11:19-21; John 12:40; Rom. 1:24-28; 9:18-24

1. The **Reprobates** response to Jesus being Lifted up and its effectual outcome: “Who is ‘*this*’ Son of Man?” vv. 34; 2 Sam. 7:13; Ps. 89:4; 110:4; Is. 9:6-7; Dan. 7:13; Ez. 37:25
  2. The **Responsibility** our Lord addressed as the Light will soon depart: How then shall we live? vv. 35-36; Prov. 4:19; Is. 2:5; 42:6-7; John 1:5-9; 7:33; 8:12; 9:5; 11:10; 16:16; 12:46; 2Cor. 3:14
- The **Reason** many people did not believe in the Lamb of God: The blinding & hardening Judgment of God. vv. 37-40; Isaiah 6:10; 53:1; Matt. 16:17; Rom. 10:16