

TOPICAL SERMON: UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

[2] The title of the sermon: "UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION."

- Today we're going to talk about the U in the TULIP acronym of Calvinism.
- The Reformation Church right down the street here believes in unconditional election.
- Let's see what this actually means, and you'll clearly see how this is a false doctrine.
- And yes, this is very important to understand.

[3] Ephesians 4:14 *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

- People are constantly being carried around with every wind of doctrine.
- Calvinism is a false religion. These people love to follow the fairy tales of a man named John Calvin.
- The Reformed Baptists are one of these groups who are tossed to and fro by the sleight of men.
- They are very cunning. They are crafty. They lie in wait to deceive. Be very careful.

What is this U in their idiotic acronym TULIP? It stands for unconditional election.

- The Bible speaks of the elect. When we want to find the truth, we study the Scriptures.
- There are 4 total words in the Bible that we will study: 1) elect, 2) elected, 3) election, and 4) elect's.
- When we look those up, we find 30 matches in 27 verses.
- I have an entire sermon on God's elect. I am not going to go over all of that again.
- But, I will give you a quick summary.

The election of God are only chosen through THE ELECT who is Jesus Christ.

- The entire Bible teaches that we must have faith in Jesus Christ to be the elect or the chosen of God or the saved by God.
- The elect are not elected through physical traits. They are only elected through their belief in Jesus Christ.

Trusting that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world all on His own is the only thing that saves you.

- Do you believe in Jesus Christ or not? Do you believe He got the job done or not?
- If so, THEN you are the elect. This is conditional, and you have the choice to be the elect or not.
- God clearly says there is a condition, but the Calvinists still teach that election is UNCONDITIONAL.
- What is unconditional election as defined by the Calvinists? Let's look closely at a couple definitions.

[4] *Unconditional election is defined as God predestinating some people to receive salvation, the elect, and the rest He left to continue in their sins and receive eternal damnation. God made these choices according to His own purposes apart from any conditions or qualities related to those persons.*

- In other words, God chooses certain individuals to be saved. They have no choice. They will be saved.
- The people who are not elect from the foundation of the world are reprobates or rejected from birth.
- The Calvinists say that God unconditionally elects certain people NO MATTER WHAT.
- They say that there is no condition at all to salvation. You are elected or not elected unconditionally.

Again, the foolish Calvinists and Reformed Baptists will teach that you have no choice to be saved.

- So, make sure you understand this, and make sure they don't fool you with their craftiness.
- They love to use lots of big words to fool you when their false doctrine isn't difficult to understand.
- Again, they are the ones who defined their idiotic false doctrine as UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION.
- Here's another explanation of unconditional election:

[5] Unconditional election is the teaching that before God created the world, he chose to save some people according to his own purposes and apart from any conditions related to those persons. The doctrine was first articulated by Church Father Augustine of Hippo, and is today most commonly associated with Calvinism.

[6] Unconditional election is drawn from the doctrines of salvation adopted by Augustine of Hippo, was first codified in the Belgic Confession, re-affirmed in the Canons of Dort, which arose from the Quinquarticular Controversy, and is represented in the various Reformed confessions such as the Westminster Standards.

- All of these points of Calvinism are doctrines of men. They are all VERY WRONG according to Scriptures.
- What does unconditional mean? This simply means there is no condition.
- The definition of unconditional is NOT subject to ANY conditions. Not limited to ANY conditions.
- A condition is a premise upon which the fulfillment of an agreement depends.
- A condition is a covenant. Did God not make any covenants with people in the Bible?

Conditional means you must meet a prerequisite to obtain the promise. There are requirements.

- Unconditional is the opposite. There are no stipulations. You don't have to make a choice.
- God will make the choices for you in this false doctrine of unconditional election.
- A condition, in logic, as an example, would be "IF A THEN B."
- If $x=4$, then do this. If x doesn't equal 4, then do this.
- For example, if my kids are good today, they will get an ice cream later.
- If you listen to this sermon and focus in on the Scriptures, you will gain wisdom today.

The Calvinist Pastor down the street told me: "We believe in salvation by grace through faith."

- "We will agree on many things." And I said, "We will not agree on many things."
- Their salvation by grace through faith is a totally different way than what the Bible teaches.
- It's not the same thing even though Calvinists attempt to call it the same thing. NOT EVEN CLOSE.
- And what they teach is very evil. And we'll see how evil it is today.

Since, unconditional election is one of the 5 main points of their religion, wouldn't you think the word unconditional would be in the Bible?

- How many times do you think the word unconditional is in the Bible? ZERO TIMES.
- The word condition is only found twice, and it's not related to salvation.
- So why would they love to use all of these words like total depravity, unconditional election, limited atonement, irresistible grace, and perseverance of the saints?
- None of their points make ANY SENSE with the actual Scriptures.

So, as we read the Scriptures today, please tell me if election by God is unconditional.

- We're going to start in the Old Testament to learn more about the elect.
- What does elect mean? Let's look to the Bible. Here's the first time we see the word elect.

[7] Isaiah 42:1-4 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. 2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. 4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

- Jesus Christ is God's elect. Elect means chosen or taken by preference.
- Jesus Christ was chosen to be the Savior of the world. Was there a condition to Jesus Christ being chosen?
- Could anyone else have become the Savior of the world besides the Son of God?
- Could John Calvin have been the Savior of the world? We don't follow John Calvin. We follow Jesus Christ.
- There's a reason for that. There is a condition for Jesus Christ being THE ELECT.

No one else could do this. Why? Because no one else is perfect but God. There is a condition to Him being elected.

- He was chosen by God the Father because God the Father knows what He's doing.
- What if God the Father elected you or I to be the Savior of the world. We would fail.
- John Calvin would fail. Any man or woman would fail. That's why Jesus Christ was elected.
- God wasn't going to choose a failure. He chose Jesus Christ because He knew He would not fail Him.
- And He knew that He would not fail us. THANK GOD for Jesus Christ. HE IS THE ELECT.
- And, from the start, there was a condition to Jesus being the elect.

[8] Hebrews 10:7-10 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- Calvinism is so evil. Each of their points directly goes against the word of God.
- But they ride the line of truth. They declare to believe in the same things, but they don't.
- Unconditional election means that you don't have a choice to put your faith in Jesus Christ.

In other words, you don't have a will. Jesus came because He is the Savior of the world.

- Did He have to do this? Does Jesus Christ have His own will separate from His Father?
- God the Father's will was for Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. Jesus has His own will.

In other words, He makes His own choices too just as God the Father makes His own choices.

- He created us in His image, and He gave each of us our own will.
- For example, I can't make my children believe in Jesus Christ.
- This is a picture of God's creation and His way. I cannot force someone to believe something.

I can teach them over and over again here in Church, but they get to make their own choices.

- They can believe what God says in the Bible or not. Why? He designed us with free will.
- You can clearly and easily see this each and every day. This is His design.
- He doesn't possess us and make us do things. Evil spirits possess the unsaved and make them do things.
- God doesn't do this, and it's evil to teach that He does.

JESUS HAS HIS OWN WILL. The Holy Spirit has His own will. God the Father has His own will.

- They are 3 different persons in ONE GOD. Since they are one God, they are perfect in every way.
- Jesus and the Holy Spirit choose to do the will of the Father.
- God the Father wants ALL TO BE SAVED. And Jesus says, I want all to be saved.
- So what does Jesus do? "Then said I, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God."
- "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
- Jesus died so all people could choose whether or not to be saved. We have our own choice to make.

[9] John 4:34 *Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*

[10] John 5:30 *I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.*

[11] John 6:38 *For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.*

- So, do you really think God's design would be to MAKE US believe in Him?
- You can clearly see that He doesn't. Can anyone MAKE YOU believe something?
- This clearly goes against God's design for His creation. A Calvinist can't see this for some reason.
- They are blinded by false religion and false doctrine. WE ARE NOT ROBOTS.

Jesus Christ chose Himself to do the will of His God and come to save us all. It wasn't easy.

- His soul went to hell. I don't ever want to know what that's like. And I won't all because of Jesus.
- So, again, Jesus has His own will, and He made His own choices. He chose to be the Savior of the world.
- That includes all people. He isn't limited to some. He took the sins of the whole world.

[12] Isaiah 45:4 *For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.*

- Israel is God's elect. There is a physical Israel and a spiritual Israel. All of spiritual Israel will be saved.
- They are THE ELECT, and there is a condition to this election. Further down in the chapter, we see this:

[13] Isaiah 45:21-22 *Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. 22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.*

- Look unto God, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth. Does this sound like a condition?
- Does this sound like only some people can be saved? There is a condition to being God's elect.
- Again, God says: "LOOK UNTO ME AND BE YE SAVED ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."
- God never says that He will save you by forcing you to have faith in Him. NOT ONCE.

But then the Calvinists will say. "A pre-elected person will want to believe. He doesn't force you."

- They will teach that a person who is not pre-elected will be hated by God from the beginning.
- They believe that new born babies are rejected by God. And that would be MOST new born babies.
- God does choose people, but it's based on whether or not they, by their own will or own choice, will believe in Jesus Christ.

Do we have the choice to believe in Jesus Christ or not? Does God make us believe if we are elected?

- If so, then it wouldn't be our choice. But Calvinists will twist this as they are very slick about this.
- There is no better deceiver than Satan himself. And he is working with the Calvinists. Guaranteed.
- Calvinists will teach this doctrine that says man has nothing at all to do with salvation.
- Even faith is not their own personal faith but a faith that God made them have.

It is a very sad day when your salvation status was determined long before you were even born.

- Your own choices, according to Reformation Church, won't lead to salvation.
- They will say that your election was predetermined before you were born.
- If hell was chosen for you, you will never have a chance to believe in Jesus Christ.
- They will teach that Jesus Christ did not die for you. This is not the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- We know that works do not save us. FAITH ALONE saves us. We must decide to have this faith.
- Does God help us along the way? Yes, He does. Faith comes from Him, but He gave us the choice.

So, we go back to the conditions set forth to be the elect or the saved. What are these conditions?

- God elects us or chooses us IF we put our faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.
- That is the condition. For the Calvinists, though, there is no condition.
- They say He randomly chooses this person to save, but not these other people.

God is a very righteous and fair God. Does that sound fair to you?

- They say that there's no condition for sending people to hell? "God didn't choose you."
- They say that a baby who has been rejected by God will go to hell even though they didn't have the chance to believe on Jesus Christ.
- God knows what is just and right. I 100% do not believe that babies go to hell.
- I know that their names are already written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world.

[14] Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

- So, babies don't have a clue what they are doing. For example, Abigail doesn't know right and wrong.
- Do you think God would send her to hell right now?
- If the end of the world was right now, do you think God would send Abigail to hell? For what?
- She doesn't even realize what she's doing. This is obvious.
- Do you think the just and right God would do that? Calvinists think He does it all the time.

[15] Romans 10:9-11 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

- "IF" thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, "AND" shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- Does this sound like a condition to you?
- But remember, Calvinists also don't believe we can even make a good choice.
- Their T in TULIP stands for the total depravity of man.
- They say we are totally depraved and can't make any good choice.

But the Scriptures have obviously made salvation conditional on our beliefs.

- IF, AND, THEN. These are conditions. If you do this, then you get this. CONDITIONAL.
- If Calvinists can't understand this Scripture includes a condition, then they must not be as smart as they believe.

[16] Matthew 10:32-33 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

- If you confess Jesus Christ before men, Jesus Christ will confess you before His Father in heaven.
- THIS IS A CONDITION. The Bible is filled with conditions.
- If you deny Jesus Christ before men, He will deny you to His Father in heaven.

[17] 2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

- There's another condition. If you notice how God operates in the Bible, there are always conditions.
- For example, God loves you but if you keep on rejecting Him, He will reject you and hate you.
- God hated Esau because Esau rejected God continuously. He was a profane person.
- God didn't hate Esau as a baby in his mother's womb as Calvinists like to say.

In the Book of Jonah, did God give the people of Nineveh a choice or not? Did God make them turn from evil?

- Or did God allow them to make the choice themselves? Of course He gave them the choice.
- He always gives the choice to you.

[18] Jonah 3:8-10 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. 9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? 10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

- As I go through this sermon, I actually almost find it INSANE to believe what a Calvinist believes.
- How can you read the Bible and think that God doesn't give everyone chances to be saved?

[19] John 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

- How can you believe that God doesn't set the condition of believing in Him for eternal life?
- YOU MUST DO THE BELIEVING PART. He convinces you, but it's your choice to believe in your mind.
- And this is not a work. Believing in your mind is not a work.

[20] John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

- Is that a condition? But the Calvinists still say that there is no condition.

- Why would anyone who is hearing the truth today continue to be a Calvinist?

[21] John 3:36 *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

[22] John 5:24 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

- This condition is set for anyone and everyone because Jesus died for the sins of the whole world.

[23] John 7:37-38 *In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

- Jesus didn't just cry out to specific people where ONLY they could hear Him.
- Is He trying to deceive us into thinking ANYONE can be saved, or is He teaching us the truth?
- Anyone can be saved by changing their mind and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- It is your choice, and there is a CLEAR AND OBVIOUS condition to being the elect of God.
- And there's only one simple condition. Put your faith for salvation in Jesus Christ.
- And, in a moment, He will save you and give you everlasting life.

Why would Jesus command us to believe in Him and place our faith in Him if we couldn't do it on our own?

- What in the world is wrong with Calvinists? I am having trouble preaching this because it is dumb.
- Seriously. God commands us to trust in Him. It is a choice.

[24] Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

[25] Psalm 125:1 *They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.*

- "IF" you put your trust in the Lord, you will abide forever or live forever. CONDITIONAL.
- The trust comes from you. Do you have a choice to trust in something or not?
- No one has ever made me trust in someone. I made the choices. I messed up a lot.
- I've trusted many people that I shouldn't have trusted. But I got the most important one right.
- I trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. I don't need anyone or anything else but Him. That's trusting Him.

[26] Luke 7:9 *When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*

- Please see what's happening here. Jesus is telling this centurion that He hasn't found such great faith.
- No, not in Israel. If it wasn't possible for a man to grow His faith by His own will, why would Jesus say anything like this?
- Calvinists are saying that God gives the faith to these people and there is no condition to it.
- They would say that God simply gave this Centurion man more faith than all the people in Israel.
- For no reason at all. This is just idiotic false doctrine.

[27] Romans 10:17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

- Do you have a choice to read and study the Bible each day? Or does God make you do it?
- No, you can build your faith through your personal choices and through your own will.
- For example, you could go home today and decide to read the Book of Revelation.

These are God's words. He will help you learn them. He will teach you.

- But He won't teach you unless you put the work in. It's your choice to grow your faith or not.
- This centurion man didn't just have faith for no reason. He grew His faith by trusting in God.
- He knew God's words. Do you not think he knew the word of God?

[28] Luke 16:28-31 *For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*

- They wouldn't hear Moses and the prophets. They will end up just like their brother.
- They wouldn't be persuaded even with Jesus Christ rising from the dead.
- If that doesn't persuade them to believe, then nothing will.
- AND YES, IT IS THEIR CHOICE. And there is that one condition to be saved.

[29] Matthew 20:16 *So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.*

- ALL PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO JESUS CHRIST. He calls them.
- For the people He rejects, He says that He called them. They refused Him. They rejected Him.
- And then He rejects them. FEW ARE CHOSEN because they won't believe in Him.
- He convinces them to believe, but they reject Him. They weren't rejected as babies.

[30] Proverbs 1:23-26 *Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. 24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;*

[31] Proverbs 1:27-30 *When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. 28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: 29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: 30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.*

[32] Proverbs 1:31-33 *Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. 32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. 33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.*

- You can clearly see the conditions for God rejecting people. He doesn't unconditionally reject people.
- God doesn't say, "Well, I don't like what he looks like so I will reject him. He seems okay but no."
- "She doesn't have exactly the right voice. I messed up a little so I'll just reject her. Have fun in hell."
- Are you serious? God created every one of these people and Calvinists think there is no condition?

- Have you really not read the Bible? Are you not paying attention AT ALL? He gives everyone a choice.

[33] John 1:12-14 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

- We become the sons of God. We weren't. We only become the sons of God through faith.
- "EVEN TO THEM THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME." Once we believe, we become sons of God.
- We didn't always believe. Did you always believe on Jesus Christ? No, you became saved.
- But, according to Calvinists, this would not be true. They think there were ALWAYS sons of God.

You must be born and born again. How are you born again? Believe in Jesus Christ. THEN YOU ARE SAVED.

- But Calvinists believe they are always saved no matter what they do because they are the elect.
- It doesn't matter if they don't want to believe in Jesus Christ, He will make them believe in Him.

This is very similar to the scribes and Pharisees who thought they were saved because they were of Abraham.

- And they would be good and do good works just because they were physically of Abraham.
- But they wouldn't believe. They wouldn't change their mind and believe. SOME OF THEM DID.
- Nicodemus did. He didn't believe, but then he believed. He made a choice to believe.

This was his own choice. Calvinists will preach that all of the elect were always children of God.

- But the people who are not elect were NEVER children of God and never will be.
- This means that Calvinists believe that God never loved them at all even when He made them and gave them life.
- They will say that God hated them then. John 3:16 doesn't exist to them. They can't understand it.

[34] John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

- The truth is God has loved all people. He allows people to make choices. The wrong choices lead to hell.
- God didn't predestinate people to hell before He made them. He gives them choices over and over again.
- God didn't choose them for hell before He made them. THEY CHOOSE, AND IT'S OBVIOUS THEY CHOOSE.
- When you attempt to give a person the Gospel, they choose whether to listen or not.
- Why would we need to give the Gospel if God ensures His elect will be saved no matter what?
- Unconditional election is a purely idiotic and evil false doctrine.

We'll continue to go through the five points of Calvinism in different sermons.

- We've covered limited atonement and unconditional election. They are all similarly foolish teachings.
- Calvinism is a deception from Satan. Don't go to a reformed Baptist church that teaches this trash.
- Don't listen to John MacArthur. Don't fall for their lies. They are clearly lies.
- This is why it's so important to know the Scriptures.

Let's pray.