

How May We Know If We Are One of God's Elect
(2 Peter 1:10)

Introduction

-The Fact of Election (Eph. 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:12, 13)

-Election is God's choice of people for salvation

I. The Context Explained (vs. 5-11)

-Pursue these seven things (vs. 5-7).

-Motive #1 (v. 8): usefulness and fruitfulness resulting from their pursuit

-Motive #2 (v. 9): the hazards resulting from their neglect

-Motive #3 (vs. 10, 11): preservation from apostasy (v. 10); abundant entrance into the kingdom (v. 11)

II. The Command Stated (v. 10a)

-The calling in v. 10 the inward effectual call by the HS, not the outward general call by the preaching of the gospel (Matt. 22:14; 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Thess. 2:13, 14).

-The effectual call is God's successful summons to faith in Christ

-If election precedes calling (Rom. 8:29, 30; 2 Thess. 2:13, 14), why is calling first? Calling is a proof of election (1 Thess. 1:2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10).

-Peter's readers were to make sure their own apprehension of their calling and election. See 2 Pet. 1:19.

III. The Command Reinforced (v. 10b)

-Certainty about one's election isn't acquired by direct revelation or visceral intuition, but by a credible Profession.

-While we are to walk worthily of our calling (Eph. 4:1; Col. 3:12-14; 1 Thess. 2:12; 4:7), our salvation doesn't rest on our character, conduct, or good works (Rom. 9:11; Eph. 1:4; 2 Tim. 1:9).

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Practical Lessons

- 1) Marvel at the electing love of God in Christ.
- 2) Carefully distinguish grace from works.
- 3) Don't separate election from Christ.
- 4) Aim to develop a well-grounded assurance of your salvation.
- 5) Aim for an abundant entrance into the kingdom of Christ.