

## **Belgic Confession of Faith (1561)**

### ***Article XVI*** **Eternal Election**

**Leader:** We believe that, all the posterity of Adam being thus fallen into perdition and ruin by the sin of our first parents, God then did manifest Himself such as He is; that is to say, merciful and just:

People: **Merciful, since He delivers and preserves from this perdition all whom He in His eternal and unchangeable counsel of mere goodness has elected in Christ Jesus our Lord, without any respect to their works;**

**Leader:** Just, in leaving others in the fall and perdition wherein they have involved themselves.