

11. UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION (pt.2)

- review & point of debate:

Deut. 10:15; 7:7-8; Eph. 1:4
Tit. 3:4-5; Is. 64:6; 1 Cor. 2:14

- Reformed *v.* Arminian perspective

2 Tim. 1:9

- agreement and invention
 - fallen man's nature
 - God's overcoming work: "prevenient [preceding] grace"
 - understanding God's "foreknowledge"

Rom. 8:29; 1 Pet. 1:1-2
Gen. 4:1; Amos 3:2; Mt. 7:22-23

> "As generally understood, prevenient grace is grace that is given by God to all men indiscriminately. It is seen in God's sending the sunshine and the rain upon all. It is also the basis of all the goodness found in men everywhere. Beyond that, it is universally given to counteract the effect of sin....Since God has given this grace to all, everyone is capable of accepting the offer of salvation; consequently, there is no need for any special application of God's grace to particular individuals."¹

¹ Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology* (Baker, 1985, one vol edition), p. 920.