

Election & Conversion

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Complementary Doctrine

Unconverted Elect

De-Converted Elect

Converted Non-Elect

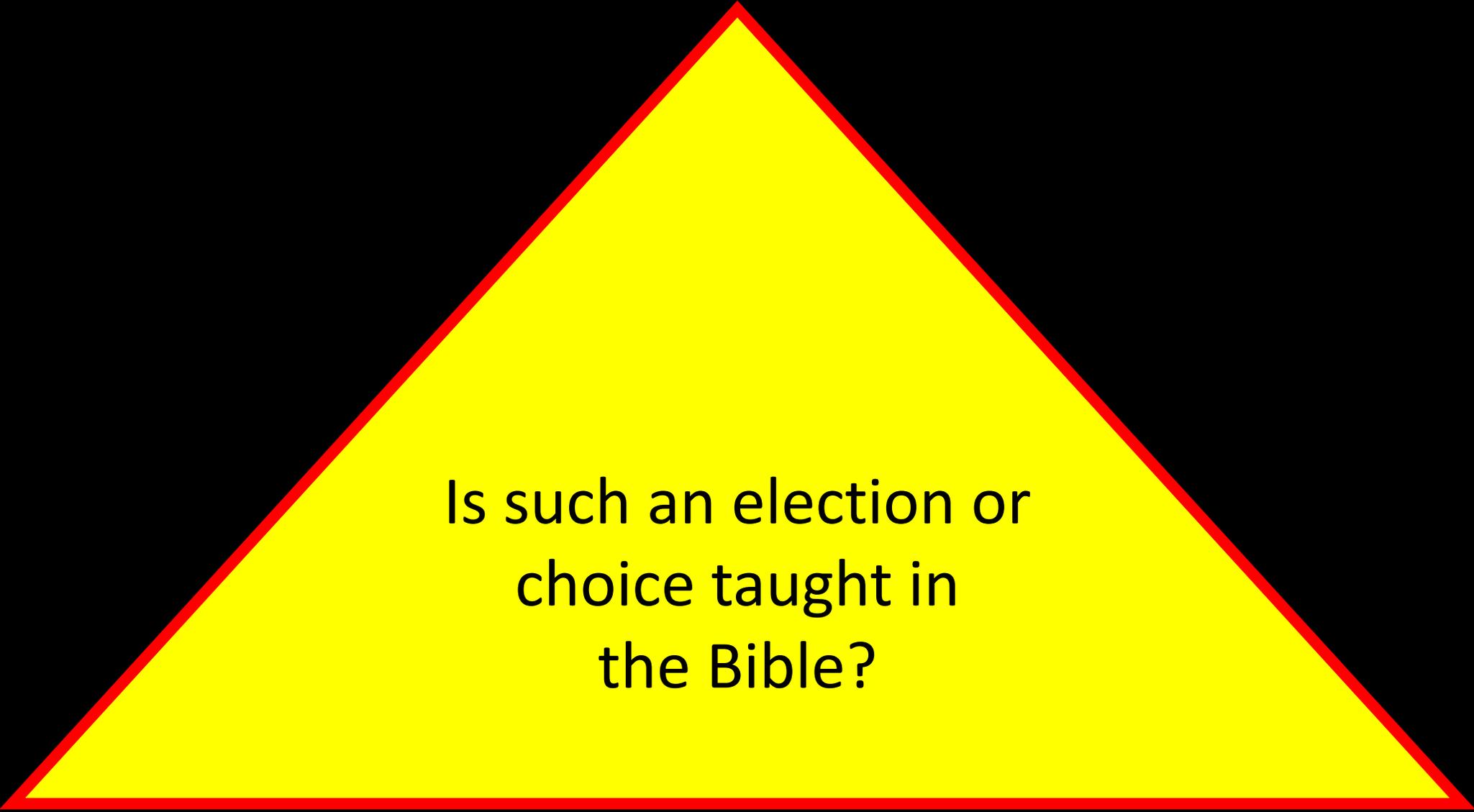
Tonight's study is quite simple.

Let's review a few basic Bible facts
about election and conversion.

For much more Bible information on these subjects,
see the many links at the end of these slides;
they have been proven at length before.

What is Election?

It is God's one-time, unconditional choice of who will be saved to go to heaven, which means He passes over and rejects others.



Is such an election or
choice taught in
the Bible?

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

II Thessalonians 2:13

- God in the beginning chose to save some people from their sins and hell.
- This is the love of God – not an offer of salvation – but His choice to save.
- Three phases – God chose (eternal), Spirit changed (vital), belief (practical).
- Like Paul for them, we are obligated forever to thank God for choosing us.

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory....

Romans 9:21-24

- God chose to make some men honorable and to leave others dishonorable.
- He intends to show His wrath and power in some and His mercy in others.

5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace....

7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded....

Romans 11:5-7

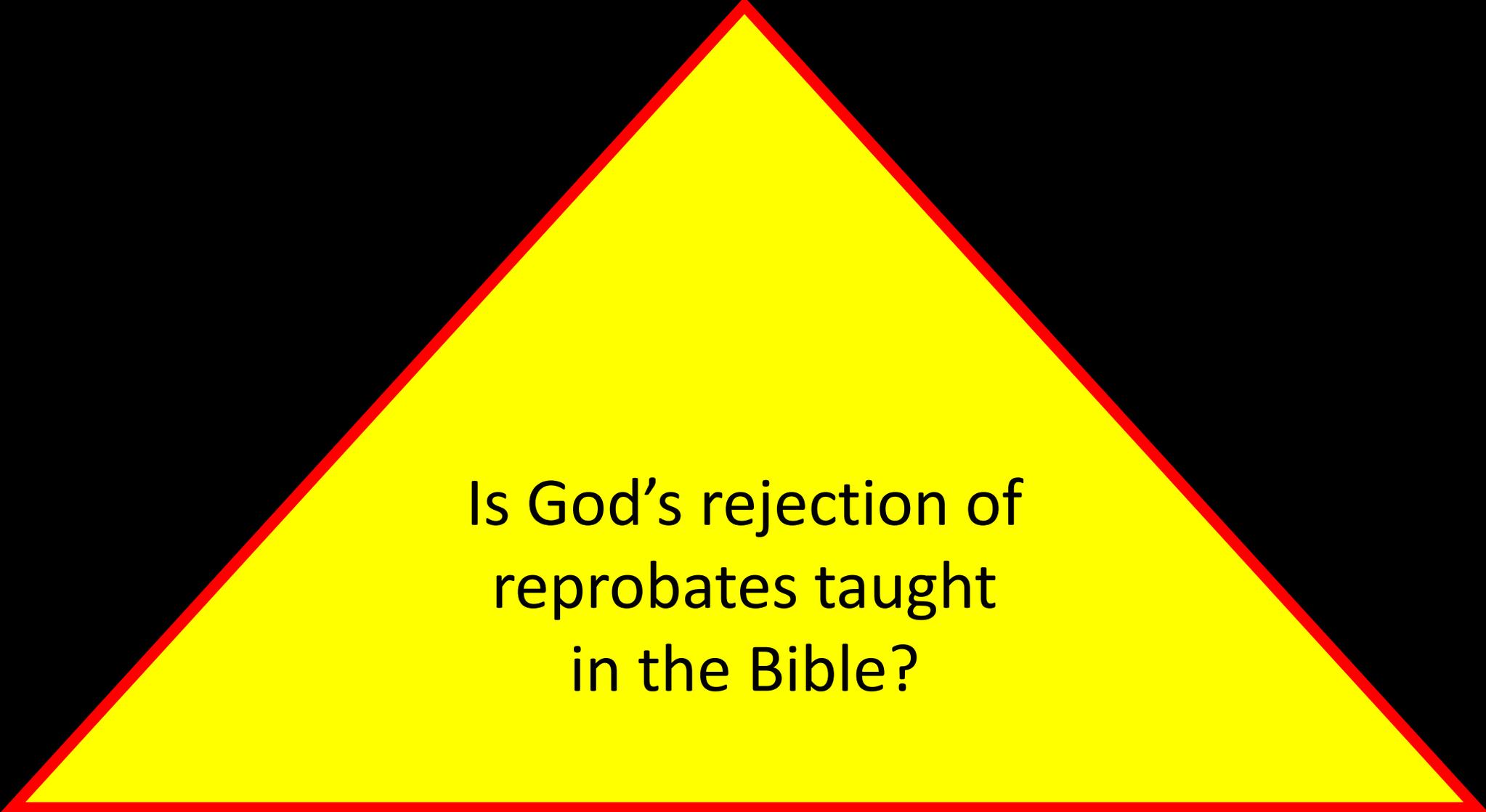
- God's grace is not an offer but rather His choice to save some rebel sinners.
- God had chosen and reserved 7000 men in Elijah's time for true worship.
- All of Israel wanted to be saved, but by their own means of Moses' Law.
- The elect part of Israel was saved, and the reprobate part was blinded.

More Verses About Election

John 6:37-39	John 10:26-29	John 17:2-3
I Peter 1:2	II Peter 1:10	Romans 8:33
II Timothy 1:9	Ephesians 1:4	Romans 9:15-16
Revelation 17:8	I Thessalonians 1:4	Romans 9:11

What Is Reprobation?

It is the opposite of election – it is God's choice to reject others for their sins and send them to hell. It results in a reprobate rather than elect person.



Is God's rejection of
reprobates taught
in the Bible?

Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

Jeremiah 6:30

- Here you have the definition of reprobation ... Reprobate = Rejected.
- Rejection is opposite election – a choice against is opposite a choice for.
- These bad figs were to be destroyed by the Chaldeans (Jeremiah 24:1-10).
- If not for God's grace and mercy – *His demerited favor* – all are reprobates.
- Being a reprobate is a terrible thing – *Depart from me! I never knew you!*

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Romans 1:28

- Romans 1 in this section is the proof of total depravity of Gentile nations.
- The ones Paul described here are wildly rebellious sinners destined to hell.
- They rejected every offer of truth God sent, so He rewired their minds.
- They are the dogs that are outside the holy city and never get into heaven.
- Being a reprobate is a terrible thing – *He gave them a reprobate mind!*

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.
Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye
be reprobates?

II Corinthians 13:5

- Reprobation is a terrible thing ... but you may be one without good works.
- Are you in the faith ... godliness described by detailed rules of the Bible?
- The faith of God's elect is not hearing, believing, or saying ... it is doing.
- How do you examine a used car? Just kick the tires? Or dig into its details?
- Examine and prove yourself to be like Jesus in all ways ... or be a reprobate!

More Verses About Reprobation

Jude 1:4	II Timothy 3:8	Titus 1:16
I Peter 2:8	Matthew 26:24	John 12:37-41
II Peter 2:1-17	Genesis 19:13	Jude 1:14-19
Jeremiah 7:16	John 10:26	Romans 9:21-22

What Have We Learned?

Mankind is a race of wicked, rebel sinners out of which God chose some to eternal life and left the rest to eternal punishment.

What is Conversion?

It begins with a person hearing the gospel and repenting to believe and obey Jesus Christ, which is a lifelong process of education and reformation.

He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

John 12:40

- Conversion means to change ... to change from one way of life to another.
- It takes eyes and heart to be converted ... to see and to understand truth.
- God does not want some converted ... He blinds eyes and hardens hearts.

19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;
20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

James 5:19-20

- A person that errs from the truth needs to be converted back to the truth.
- Conversion ... is changing from living with errors ... to living the truth.
- Conversion saves a person from death to fellowship and God's judgment.
- Conversion hides many potential sins and past sins under His forgiveness.

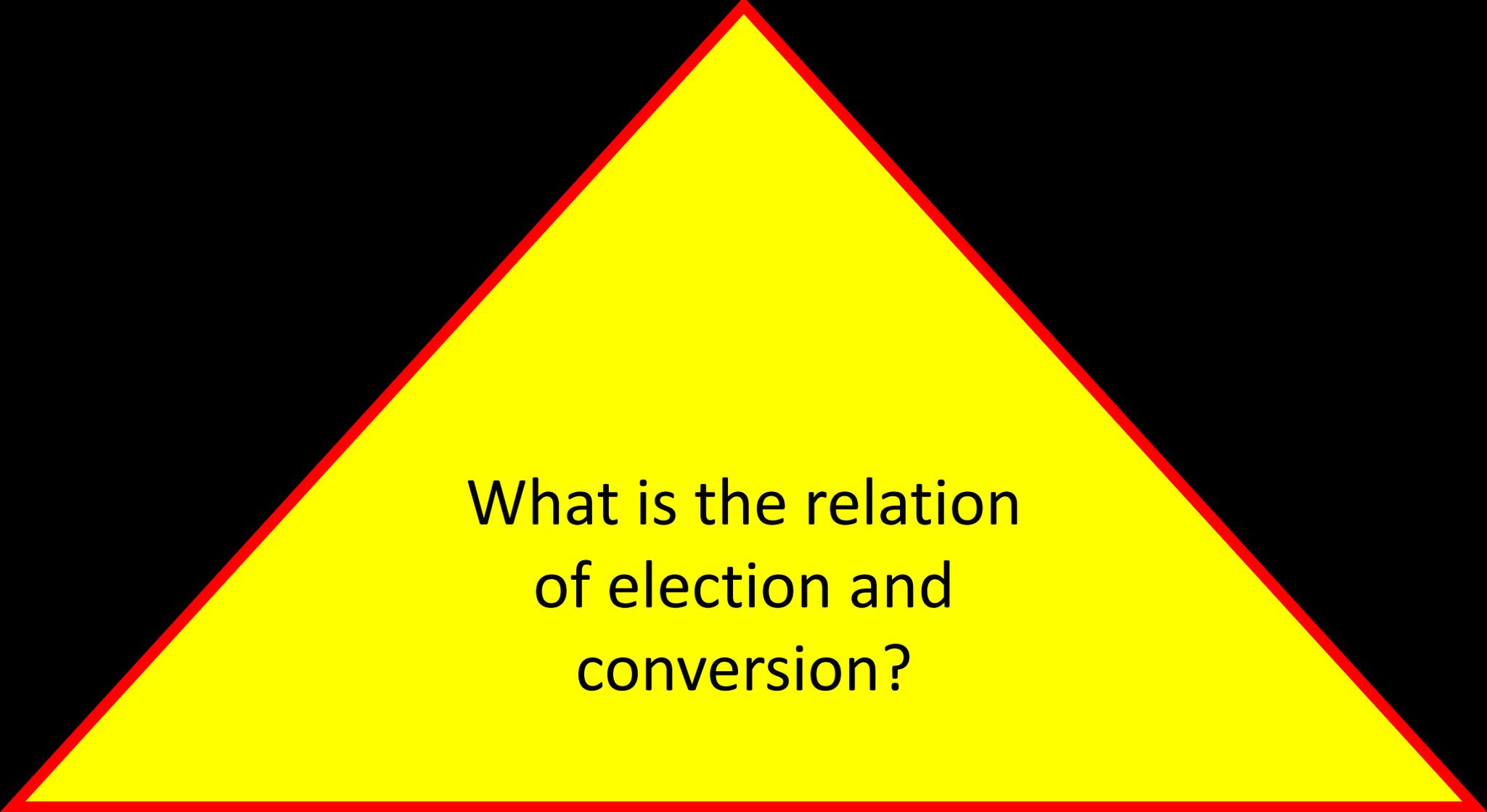
And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3

- Conversion means to change ... to change from pride to humility here.
- Proud people do not go to heaven without God's mercy forgiving them.
- We must convert ... we must change from pride to humility for evidence.

More Verses About Conversion

Matthew 18:3	Luke 22:31-32	Acts 3:19
II Timothy 2:24-26	II Peter 1:8-9	II Thessalonians 1:5-10
Acts 26:18-20	Isaiah 6:10	Psalms 51:13
Psalms 19:7	II Peter 3:18	Romans 11:4
Revelation 12:17	Romans 12:1-2	Proverbs 4:18



What is the relation
of election and
conversion?

How do Election and Conversion Relate?

A person must be elect and born again to truly convert.

Without election and regeneration, they are dead in sins.

No two persons are equally converted e.g. Abram and Lot.

Conversion is the evidence of election, not its condition.

A true convert must be elect, but an elect may not convert.



Wait a minute!

*Did you just say what
I think you just said?*

Think About It!

Since God unconditionally chooses sinners to eternal life, and conversion is only for their education and comfort, then there will likely be some elect not converted.

Are There Unconverted Elect?

Yes, the Bible tells us some elect persons were not converted to hear and obey the Bible, they rather continued in sins and were chastened for them.

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob....

28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Romans 11:26-29

- The special group of unconverted, elect Jews helped the gospel to Gentiles.
- It could not be plainer that here are elect Jews that hated the gospel.
- This is no problem for us, since faith does not change our legal standing.

1 ... I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea ...

4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

I Corinthians 10:1-5

- This is God's church in the wilderness that came out of Egypt with Moses.
- Only two church members made it to Canaan, for the rest were rebellious.
- These folks ate and drank of Christ as God's beloved children but rebelled.

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conversion.

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Yes, the Bible tells us about some elect persons that were not converted to obey God and His Son.

Think About It!

- Why do most “Christians” baptize babies?
- Why do some invent age of accountability?
- Why do Catholics invent *in utero* baptism?
- Why do yet others deny any original sin?



They must get all
babies into heaven
one of the four ways.



Oh, No!

*Did you imply non-elect
babies will go to hell?*

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned....

14 ... death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

Romans 5:12-14

- Babies die because of their relationship to Adam – they are guilty of his sin.
- There is no Bible reason to think God saved all these condemned sinners.
- But for elect babies, God can save them by the Second Adam just like adults.

But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

II Samuel 12:23

- God killed David's first child by Bathsheba for his sin of adultery with her.
- This baby and all babies that die ... proving their sin guilt ... cannot convert.
- Men use heresies to save babies ... age of accountability, infant baptism, etc.
- David, a prophet of God, was confident his dead infant son was in heaven.
- Elect babies, just like elect adults, are saved by God's grace in Jesus Christ.
- All "Christians" get their unconverted babies to heaven without conditions.

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What Should We Do with Unconverted Elect?

We never assume it, so we always press conversion hard.

We reject PB universalism that most or all are such elect.

You should never think you are elect without good works.

You must examine and prove you are not a reprobate.

We allow only God's exceptions to His clear, general rule.

Think About It!

How would O.T. saints convert to Jesus?
Or did they trust the scapegoat instead?
How much must they know about Him?
How converted was Abraham's nephew?

False Unconverted Elect

Jesus' prayer at Calvary was not of heaven.
Gentiles with a conscience of moral basics.
Paul saying Agrippa believed Jesus' gospel.
Out of every kindred can easily go too far.

Are There De-Converted Elect?

Yes, the Bible tells of elect persons that are converted to various degrees and then fall into some sin or depart from the faith.

What Are De-Converted Elect?

They are elect persons that obey God and then fall away.

An example is Solomon, who started well but finished bad.

These persons turn away from truth and get stuck in error.

They undo some or all their conversion by following lies.

They are elect, so they go to heaven, but they backslide.

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father....

6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.

I Kings 11:4-6

- God loved Solomon much and named him Jedidiah – loved by Jehovah.
- Solomon built God's magnificent temple and wrote three books of the Bible.
- But he disobeyed Moses and his own writings to de-convert from Jehovah.

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

I Corinthians 10:1-5

- This warning to Jews in Judea has three more like it (2:1-4; 6:4-8; 12:25-29).
- Is Paul's warning a mockery – for these elect brethren could not backslide?
- While we believe most fled Jerusalem and were saved, can we assume all?
- There are comparable warnings to churches of Gentiles about losing faith.

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

I Timothy 4:16

- Is this warning to Timothy sincere? If it is, pastors can de-convert believers.
- Have carnal or heretical pastors ever harmed or undone any conversions?
- This is a terrible and very real possibility, thus need for heed and prayer.
- We blame much or most carnal Christianity on preachers scratching lusts.

17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his....

II Timothy 2:17-19

- False teaching, as real as a canker, will cause a person to err from the faith.
- Though their faith in gospel truth is overthrown, God still knows His elect.

More Verses About De-Converted Elect

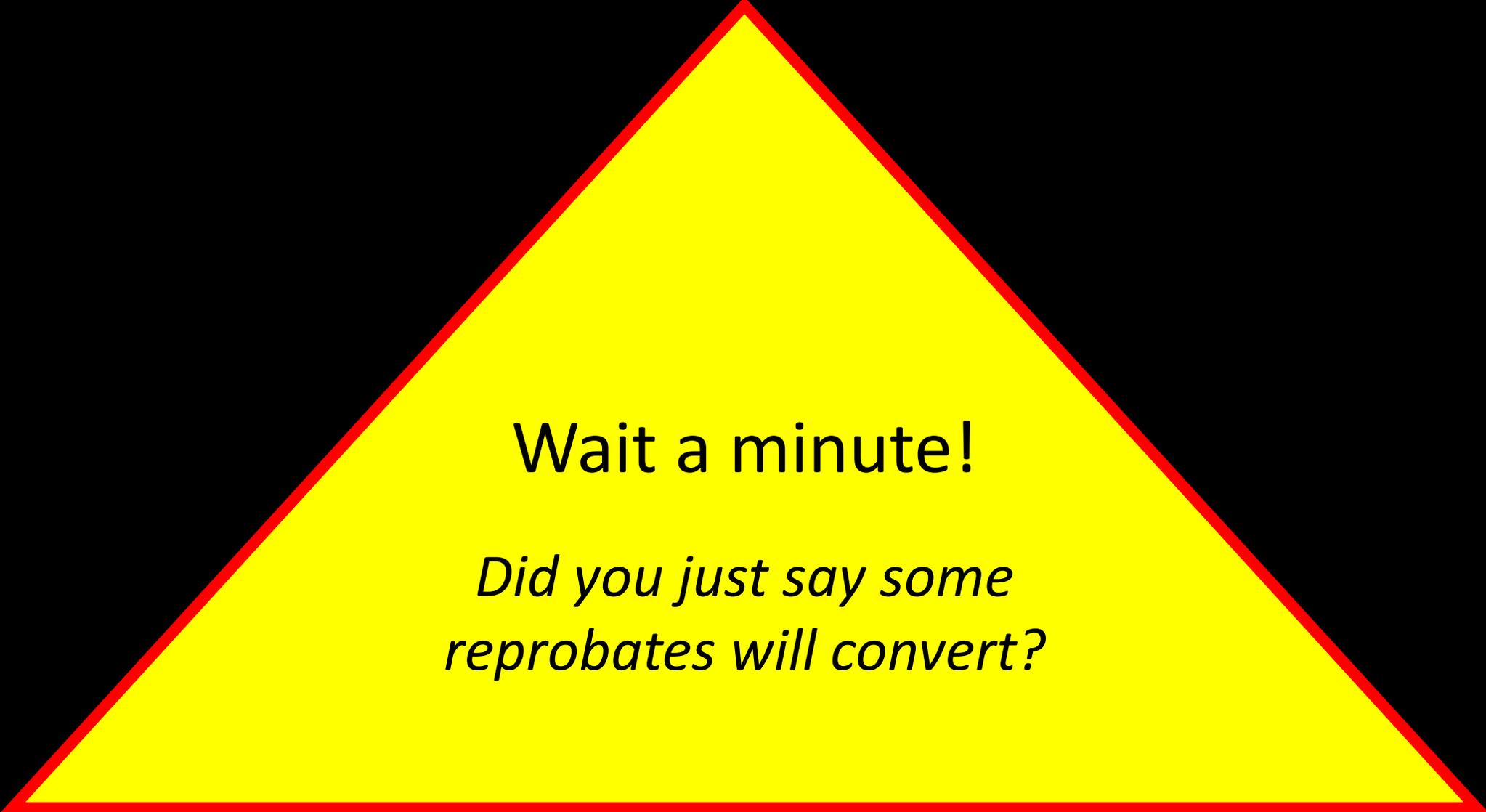
Genesis 13:12	Judges 14:1-4	Jonah 4:1-4
Galatians 1:6	Galatians 3:1	Galatians 5:1-4
I Corinthians 5:1	I Corinthians 15:12	II Corinthians 13:1-4
Revelation 2:4-5	I Corinthians 11:27-30	Revelation 3:14-18
Luke 22:34	II Corinthians 6:1	Hebrews 12:15

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Are There Converted Non-Elect?

Yes, the Bible describes many that claim to know and love God that will spend eternity in hell.



Wait a minute!

*Did you just say some
reprobates will convert?*

What Are Converted Non-Elect?

Reprobates going to hell with head facts and lying words.

They cannot truly convert as non-elect ... but they seem to.

They know the facts of the gospel without a changed life.

They have their trust in sacraments or other false means.

They end up in hell, but they have a form of godliness.

The devil is a simple example of believing the truth without any change and damned to hellfire.

We do not presume Abimelech,
Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, or King
Agrippa were more elect
than Balaam's ass.

6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,
7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

Mark 5:6-7

- The devils knew Jesus, worshipped Him, and confessed the truth of Him.
- Monotheistic worshippers of Jehovah are no better than devils (James 2:19).
- The lake of fire was made for the devils, though they tremble at the truth.
- They know Jesus is God's Son by just His name, but their faith is damned.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 7:22-23

- Many on Judgment Day will appeal to their faith and works in Jesus' name.
- Jesus said only those doing the will of His father in heaven would get in.
- These many have apostolic works to list, but they are all clearly reprobates.
- Without changed lives – *still working iniquity* – you do not get into heaven.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

John 8:31-33

- These Jews believed on Jesus – thus converted – but they were reprobates.
- He pressed them to continue in His doctrine, not just have temporary faith.
- He explained they still had truth to learn, as they showed by the response.
- Jesus a few verses later said they were children of the devil not born again.

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Matthew 22:11-14

- Many are invited into Jesus' kingdom, but they are not God's chosen elect.
- The confrontation in the great Day of Judgment will be horrifically terrible.

Judas Iscariot Was a Converted Reprobate

He could preach and do miracles with the best apostles.

Peter, James, and John had no clue Judas was a reprobate.

By church attendance, words, works, he was God's zealot.

The Bible, especially Psalm 109, clearly puts him in hell.

He never had a changed life ... he was a devil and a thief.

More Verses About Converted Reprobates

John 2:23-25	John 6:2,14,29,44,56,66	John 7:12,27,31,40-44
John 12:42-43	I Converted 12:3	Luke 6:46
Luke 13:23-27	Isaiah 29:13	Ezekiel 33:31-32
Jeremiah 12:2	James 2:14-26	Philippians 3:18-19
I John 2:4	Colossians 2:18-23	Ezekiel 14:6-9

What is the acid test and proof?

Real conversion is a changed life.

A changed life proves election.

You can prove you are elect.

Diligently do eight things.

What Does All This Mean?

Believe and obey every rule of the gospel to prove election.

Thank God always for choosing you to salvation by grace.

Guard your soul, family, church to be constant in the faith.

Hate hypocrisy of public worship without a changed life.

Hate fatalism in any form that allows any ungodly living.

Fatalism

Presuming God will save you by sovereign grace no matter how you might live.

Universalism

A burning hell is contrary to God's nature,
and all men have a spark of good in them.

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We want to be only converted elect.

We must not de-convert from truth.

We must pray and prod hypocrites.

For Further Study

- Seven Proofs of Unconditional Salvation ... <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-1987/seven-proofs-of-unconditional-salvation/>
- Five Phases of Salvation ... <https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-1987/five-phases-of-salvation/>
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