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Speaker: Nathan Walter
Service: 6.45pm
Bible References: Eph 1:1-14
Series: The Comfort of God's Call
Title of talk: The Comfort of God's Call

Notes from the Talk

How I became a Christian

The Doctrine of election: stated and shown

Article XVII | Of Predestination and Election

Predestination to Life is the everlasting purpose of God, whereby (before the foundations of the world were laid) he hath constantly decreed by his counsel secret to us, to deliver from curse and damnation those whom he hath chosen in Christ out of mankind, and to bring them by Christ to everlasting salvation, as vessels made to honour. Wherefore, they which be endued with so excellent a benefit of God be called according to God's purpose by his Spirit working in due season: they through Grace obey the calling: they be justified freely: they be made sons of God by adoption: they be made like the image of his only-begotten Son Jesus Christ: they walk religiously in good works, and at length, by God's mercy, they attain to everlasting felicity.

[\(<http://acl.asn.au/the-thirty-nine-articles>\)](http://acl.asn.au/the-thirty-nine-articles)

In the Old Testament

Gen 25:23

(Mal 1:2-3; Rom 9:10-13)

(Deut 4:37; 7:6-8; 10:15; Ps 105:6; 135:4)

In the New Testament

Eph 1:3-14

(Rom 8:28-30; Rom 9; 1 Cor 1:2, 9, 24; 1 Thess 1:4; 2 Thess 1:11; 2 Tim 2:10; 1 Pet 1:1-2)

A common question: double predestination?

Problems with the doctrine of election

God is not just
genuine human responsibility is destroyed
it leads to fatalism
it contradicts the appearance of things
the two positions together are illogical

The biggest problem, in which lies the solution

the character of God: transcendent yet imminent, sovereign yet personal, eternal yet acting in time ...

Using the doctrine of election

in relation to the world:
preaching and prayer, not silence and resignation
care with language

thinking about ourselves:
humility not pride
gratitude not grumbling
comfort not doubt