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Speaker: Nathan Walter
Service: 10.15am
Bible References: Eph 1:1-14
Series: The Comfort of God's Call (1015)
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)

Problems with the doctrine of election

It means God is not fair

It destroys any idea of genuine human responsibility

The biggest problem, in which lies the solution

How does the eternal, transcendent, sovereign God relate to us personally, imminently, and in time?

Using the doctrine of election

humility not pride

gratitude not grumbling

comfort not doubt