

## INTRODUCTION TO PARTICULAR REDEMPTION



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Any person acquainted with the teaching of the bible will be aware that all of mankind are in need of salvation. This is because all men, that is every person born into the world, are descend from Adam, and as it is written, 'as in Adam die' and so, being descendants of Adam, all are in a fallen state destined to die and to answer to God for their sins.

All Christians will teach that salvation from sin, and mans fallen state, is only through the Lord Jesus Christ and that a person must be born again in order to see and enter the kingdom of Heaven. They will acknowledge that faith alone, in the person and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, is the means of salvation. Such knowledge and understanding comes from a brief reading of scripture.

What is not understood, from a brief reading of scripture, is that some men (people) are predestined to salvation and that this salvation is according to God's eternal purpose. That those predestined to salvation were chosen by God the Father in Christ's and are called the elect. They are styled and called in scripture the Church.

Another aspect of the Christian religion, which is not easily gathered from a brief reading of scripture, is that this salvation, which is by the Lord Jesus Christ, is due to Christ making an atonement for sin, by means of His propitiatory sacrifice and that at his death he died on behalf of all who are saved, from sin, death and hell.

When reading the scriptures they begin to make sense of the apostle Paul who wrote, 'as in Adam all die so in Christ shall all be made alive'. The meaning being

that as all of the human race were in Adam when he sinned, and as a result of his sin, we all die, so all those in Christ's, shall be made alive.

What is not apparent, on a first read, is how are men found to be in Christ.

Another branch of the Christian religion which may not at first sight be apparent is that God is in control of all events, our future is predestined and that all things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to His purposes.

On further study we are informed as to why Jesus had to die and also about the nature of His death, resurrection and ascension. We learn that His death was appointed by God to make an atonement for sin, for it is written without the shedding of blood there is not remission of sin.

Among professing Christians it becomes apparent that no all agree about some of these things.

Such as:

- 1 Is our future, or any future predestined by God
- 2 Does God look down the corridors of time and see the future, or does God determine the future.
- 3 Are all events under the control of God

Another series of questions arise about the extent of the atonement, namely for whom did Christ die. And then questions arise about the end of the world or age. What when and how?

These subjects are refer to as soteriology and eschatology by, bible students. Soteriology relates to the means of salvation and eschatology to the end times, all of which the bible refers too.

In the 16 Century, during the Reformation, to subject of soteriology was thrashed out leaving a division between Roman Catholicism and the Reformer of the Christian religion The Reformed view of soteriology was not the same as the Roman Catholic system and Christians have had to learn for them selves the truth about the means of salvation and of the sovereignty of God.

The following sermon was delivered by me in 1983 at a Strict and Particular Baptists Church with a view to address some of these issues and it is hoped will provoke thought among Christians to study the scriptures to see if these things be true or not.

