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Bible Election

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NOTE: God wills that men shall be saved. He has foreordained the characters that will entitle men to salvation, but He does not *compel* anyone to receive Christ, possess this character, and be saved. This is a matter of individual choice. By His mighty acts and judgments in Egypt, God "hardened Pharaoh's heart." **Exodus 7:3,13,22**. But the same manifestations *softened* the hearts of others. The difference was in the *hearts*, and in the way God's message and dealings were received; not in God. The same sun which melts the wax hardens the clay. **Exodus 8:32** says that Pharaoh hardened his own heart.

14. What, on man's part, is essential to salvation?

"_____ ye this day whom ye will serve." **Joshua 24:15**. "If any man _____ to _____ His will, he shall know of the teaching." **John 7:17, R.V**. "_____ on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." **Acts 16:31**. "Whosoever _____, let him take the water of life freely." **Revelation 22:17**.

NOTE: A man once wished to join a certain church, but said he could not do so on account of the views this church held on the subject of "election." The minister to whom he was sent for help and enlightenment, failing to make the matter clear, an old colored man, a layman, came to the rescue, and said: "Brother, this is the very easiest thing in the church. You see, it is like this: The votin' is goin' on all the time; and God, He is votin' for you; and the devil, he is votin' agin you; and whichever way *you* vote, that is the way the *election* goes." Commenting upon this incident, Rev. Wilbur Chapman, the noted evangelist, says: "I have studied theology some myself, and graduated at a theological seminary; but I never got anything quite so good as that."

15. In what fact may every believer rejoice?

"But rejoice *that your _____ are _____ in _____*." **Luke 10:20, R.V**

16. Whose names are to be retained in the book of life?

"He that _____, . . . I will not blot out his name out of the book of life." **Revelation 3:5**

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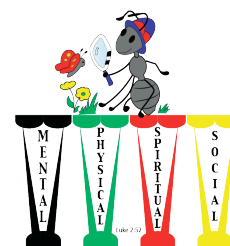
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TEXT

"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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1. What does the apostle Peter admonish us to do?

"Wherefore . . . brethren, give _____ to make your _____ and _____ sure." **2 Peter 1:10**

NOTE: This text at once reveals the fact that our salvation, so far as our own individual cases are concerned, is dependent upon our own action. We are elected to be save; but we are to give diligence to make this **election sure**. If we do not, it will not meet its purpose in our case, and we shall be lost.

2. What admonition given by Christ teaches the same truth?

"Behold, I come quickly: _____ that _____ which thou _____, that no _____ take thy _____." **Revelation 3:11**

NOTE: Crowns have been prepared for each of the finally redeemed. Every soul is a candidate in the race for eternal life, and hence for a crown. Faith in Jesus, and perseverance to the end, will hold it fast.

3. Upon what condition is the crown of life promised?

"Be thou _____ unto _____, and I will give thee a crown of life." **Revelation 2:10**

4. In whom, and from what time, have we been chosen unto holiness and salvation?

"According as He hath chosen us in _____ [Christ] before the _____ of the _____." **Ephesian 1:4, first part.**

5. What is the character of those thus chosen before the foundation of the world?

"That we should be _____ and without _____ before Him in love." **Ephesian 1:4, Same verse, last part, R.V.**

6. To what has God foreordained those who attain to this character?

"Having foreordained us unto _____ as _____ through Jesus Christ unto Himself." **Ephesian 1:5, R. V**

9. How many does God desire to be saved?

"Who will _____ to be _____, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." **1 Timothy 2:4**

10. Upon what condition is salvation offered?

"_____ on the Lord Jesus _____, and thou shalt be saved." **Acts 16:31**

11. For how long must this faith be preserved in order to bring final salvation?

"He that shall _____ unto the _____, the same shall be saved." **Matthew 24:13 See James 1:12; Revelation 2:10**

12. What scripture is sometimes cited as evidence that God is arbitrary in His dealings with men?

"Therefore hath He mercy on whom He _____ have mercy, and whom He will He hardeneth." **Romans 9:18**

13. But what other scripture shows with whom God wills to be merciful, and with whom otherwise?

"With the _____ Thou wilt show Thyself _____; with an _____ man Thou wilt show Thyself _____; with the _____ Thou wilt show Thyself _____; and with the _____ Thou wilt show Thyself _____." **Psalms 18:25-26 See also Isaiah 55:7**

