

# The Westminster Confession

## Chapter 3

### *Of God's Eternal Decree*

6. As God hath appointed the elect unto glory, so hath He, by the eternal and most free purpose of His will, foreordained all the means thereunto. Wherefore, they who are elected, being fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ, are effectually called unto faith in Christ by His Spirit working in due season, are justified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by His power, through faith, unto salvation. Neither are any other redeemed by Christ, effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified, and saved, but the elect only.

7. The rest of mankind God was pleased, according to the unsearchable counsel of His own will, whereby He extendeth or withholdeth mercy as He pleaseth, for the glory of His sovereign power over His creatures, to pass by; and to ordain them to dishonour and wrath for their sin, to the praise of His glorious justice.

8. The doctrine of this high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care, that men, attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may, from the certainty of their effectual vocation, be assured of their eternal election. So shall this doctrine afford matter of praise, reverence, and admiration of God; and of humility, diligence, and abundant consolation to all that sincerely obey the Gospel.

**SERMON WORKSHEET**  
*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 - PM service*  
**“Why God’s Plan Makes The Difference In You”**

READINGS: 1)..... 2)..... 3).....  
TEXT: .....

**INTRODUCTION**

It is in Christ that we saw W..... God has planned all this (Eph.1:5-6)

The way God gives food to us involves: *Tick right box*

a) different means & forces at work [ ] b) sunshine, rain, harvest & distribution [ ]

**1 - THIS TEACHING TELLS US HOW GOD GRACIOUSLY WORKS ELECTION**

1st Peter 1: 2 says that we:

a) have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father [ ]

b) are serving the Lord as much as we can because that’s our choice [ ]

The Muslim treats life cheaply because personal R..... is completely negated

Being predestinated means we do not do anything which would E..... our calling

Amyraldism teaches that Christ died for the saved absolutely and:

a) not for the lost [ ] b) for the lost conditionally [ ]

Those holding this view tried to rewrite H.....

The belief of Jerome Bolsec was a L..... contradiction and absurdity

This dispute came to a head when John de St. Andre was preaching on John .... : ....

He said this meant that those who are not E..... will never believe God’s words

Calvin refuted Bolsec with Scriptures & by quoting the great Church F..... Augustine

**2 - THIS TEACHING TELLS US HOW GOD SOVEREIGNLY DIRECTS REPROBATION**

Is it on account of their sins that He passes them by? YES / NO ? *Cross out wrong one*

It lies C..... with God and He keeps it out of our sight

God treats those He passes by with strict J.....

What was the rank of Mr Andre:

a) Captain [ ] b) Major [ ] c) Colonel [ ] d) General [ ]

We must treat everyone we meet as those who C..... be called

When people say God is so unfair and unloving they:

a) give us a question too hard to answer [ ] b) think they have some merit [ ]

This teaching offends people since the G..... itself is the ultimate disturbance!

**3 - THIS TEACHING TELLS US HOW GOD WONDERFULLY ASSURES SALVATION**

If any G..... in the history of the church needed true assurance it must be ours!

If Christians get worried by the world today they:

a) pray & work harder for God [ ] b) make sure they look after themselves [ ]

Mueller walked C..... with God when He realised the truth of predestination

It’s when Christians confess they don’t have A..... that God does great things!

The ‘39 Articles’ describes this doctrine “as being full of S....., pleasant and unspeakable comfort”

The apostle Paul’s doxology in Romans .... : .... - ..... confirms this

Rousseau proved he was one of the elect by making sure the apple was thrown at the B..... tree!

If you are concerned whether you are one of the elect or not you’re probably not:

TRUE / FALSE ?