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We Are Provisionists Part 2

We are Provisionists Part 1

Calvinism and Arminianism

Jeremy Craft writes,
“Much of so-called Arminianism, which follows John Wesley’s adaptation, teaches that entire sanctification is possible and even expected of believers. This teaches that Christians may reach a point in their spiritual progression where they have become completely sanctified or live a life of sinless perfection.

And so concurs a Wesleyan theologian, John Miley who writes, “The fullness of sanctification shall be instantly attained on the condition of faith, just as justification is attained; and there shall be a new experience of a great and gracious change, and just as consciously such as the experience in regeneration.” The conscious experience that Miley refers to is commonly known as a second work of grace.”

Provisionists

James Montgomery Boice,

“We can never exaggerate the importance of God’s sovereignty, for God is the greatest of all realities, indeed, the very ground of reality, and SOVEREIGNTY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT CAN BE SAID ABOUT HIM. The other attributes of God are also important. But if in our minds we ignore, distort, or deny God’s sovereignty, meaning the absolute determination and rule by God of all his works and creatures, God will no longer be God for us.

His decrees and acts will be determined by something else, either by mere human beings or by circumstances or by some other cosmic power, and these other things (or nothing) will be our actual God. In order to be sovereign, God must also be all-knowing, all-powerful, and absolutely free. If he were limited in any one of these areas, he would not be truly sovereign. Yet the sovereignty of God is greater than any one of these attributes.”

All' 'World' 'Totally Depraved' & 'Perseverance'

‘Election’ ‘Elect’ & ‘Predestination’

¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

JOHN 3:16

World here = elect only

Our Theology of What Drives God Affects Our
Attitude Towards God and People

Election Elect and Predestination

The Noun Election

ἐκλογή (ek-loge)

The Adjective Elect

The Greek word translated elect or chosen is
'eklektos' (pronounced ek-lektos) a descriptive
adjective

ἐκλέγομαι, (ek-legomai)

And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God [or choice one of God]."

LUKE 23:35

‘eklektos,’

So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few CHOSEN [or choice]."

MATTHEW 20:16

27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”

28 So Jesus said to them [and tells them exactly what they shall have], “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration [of the earth, when does this occur?], when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me [and given up all] will #1- also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And #2-everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold [relative to what was given up], and #-inherit eternal life.

30 But [let me say this and warn you] many who are first will be last, and the last first.

MATTHEW 19:27-30

1 “For [instance or for example] the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

2 Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour [of the work day] and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

4 and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right [or righteous] I will give you.' So they went.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did likewise.

6 And about the eleventh hour [of the working day] he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'

7 They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right [or righteous] you will receive.'

8 "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.'

9 And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius.

10 But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius.

11 And when they had received it, they complained [grumble] against the landowner,

12 saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.'

13 But he answered one of them [probably a leader like Peter] and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?

14 Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you.

15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?'

16 So [in this manner] the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen [choice ones]."

"For many are called, but few are
chosen [or choice]."

MATTHEW 22:14

“We are not elected and put into Christ,
we believe and are put into Christ and
described as elect”

¹And Jesus answered and spoke to them
again by parables and said:

MATTHEW 22:1-14

Chosen (aka elect) or better: Choice

² “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,
³ and sent out his servants to CALL those who were invited [already CALLED] to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. ⁴ Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited [already CALLED], “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.” ’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business [ambivalence]. ⁶ And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them [hostility]. ⁷ But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city [in 70 AD Jerusalem was destroyed]. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited [CALLED] were not worthy [they did not believe, did not accept the invitation]. ⁹ Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite [CALL] to the wedding.’ choice ones].”

MATTHEW 22:1-14

¹⁰So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, bad [evil] and [those we would describe as] good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a [an appropriate] wedding garment.¹²So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless [without excuses, he could have put on by faith the required garment but did not].¹³ Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness [where] there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴“For many are called [invited], but few are chosen [or elect or choice ones].”

MATTHEW 22:1-14

Elect describes anyone who has made the choice to receive Christ Crucified who imputes to them the right wedding garment of righteousness by faith

³³Who shall bring a charge against God's ELECT? [referring to those who are known believers] It is God who justifies.

ROMANS 8:33

¹²Therefore, as the [currently described]
ELECT of God, holy and beloved, put on
tender mercies, kindness, humility,
meekness, longsuffering;

COLOSSIANS 3:12

ELECT according to [is kata: coming down from Heaven] the foreknowledge [or plan] of God the Father, [with] in sanctification [work] of the Spirit, for obedience [of all] and [to apply the] sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

The Elect process: God's plan came down from Heaven. The Spirit executes the plan with His sanctifying work in all of the world, drawing people to Jesus, to the obedience of faith and the application of the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

1 PETER 1:2

The Verb Chosen

ἐκλέγομαι (chosen) the verb is always used in the middle voice

The Verb Choosing is for a Purpose

¹³ And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He CHOSE twelve whom He also named apostles

LUKE 6:13

²⁰ And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the ELECT'S sake, whom He CHOSE, He shortened the days. [of the Tribulation]

MARK 13:20

Our Third Word is Predestination
-Προορίζω, (pro-ho-rizo)

28 And we know that all things [currently] work together for good to those who love God, to those who are [described as] the called according to His purpose. 29 For [or they work together because] whom He foreknew, He also PREDESTINED [for what purpose?] to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover [or and] whom He PREDESTINED [to be conformed to the image of Christ], them He [had already] also called: and whom He [had already] also called, them He also [had already] justified: and whom He [had already] justified, them He [had already] also glorified.

ROMANS 8:28-30

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us [Paul and Ephesian believers] with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴just as He CHOSE us in Him before the foundation of the world, [for this purpose] that we should be holy and without blame before Him, in love ⁵having [already] PREDESTINED us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

EPHESIANS 1:3-5

¹¹In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him WHO WORKS ALL THINGS ACCORDING TO THE COUNSEL OF HIS WILL

EPHESIANS 1:11-12

- 1st-Predetermined to be conformed to the image of Christ, God's Son
- 2nd-Predetermined to legal adoption as His children. More Sons and Daughters
- 3rd-Which results in being predetermined to 'obtain an inheritance, only children inherit!

Predestination only concerns God's
purposes for those who are saved by their
faith

¹¹In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

EPHESIANS 1:11

Calvinists	Key Words	Provisionists
Their Meaning Under Determinism		Their Meaning Under God is Driven by Love
ALL meaning elect only	All	All people were died for, though not all saved
Predetermined to go to hell	All	Refuse Heaven's sin remedy and go to Hell
World = predetermind elect only	World	Jesus died for the whole world
Equals total Inability	Total Depravity	All are sinners, but able to believe or not believe
In order to be able to believe	Born Again	Born again when we believe
Only heard and effective for Elect	Call	Call of God goes out to all, He draws all to Jesus
Solely a Work of God	Election	Starts with God who calls and requires our faith
A description that is solely God's work	Elect	Requires our faith to be described as elect
Heaven for the Elect, Hell for all others	Predestination	Explains the goals, purposes for the saved only
Depends on persevering to the end	Eternal Security	Once in Christ by faith there is no getting out

What drives Your God?
Love or Determinism
I follow a God who loves all
Yet hates sin
His love is stronger than sin
Love sent sin's killer
The Son of Love
Love does not ignore sin
Nor could He overlook it
But instead Love became
The only sacrifice acceptable!

