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Topic: **TULIP - Unconditional Election**

Scripture Text: 2 Thess. 2:5-17

1. The study of TULIP which is the 5 points of Calvinism is to help us to know how God saves us. These teachings are Bible-based and exalt God in His sovereignty and faithfulness. When we can see how great a salvation that God brought to us, we will be eternally grateful to God's amazing grace shown to us.
2. In the 2nd point on Unconditional Election, the Bible has many references to tell us of God's election and choosing some to salvation. These include: 2 Thess 2:13; Eph 1:4-5; 1 Peter 1:2. The Bible teaches of God's choosing among fallen men predestinating the elected ones to eternal life.
3. God chose the elect before the foundation of the world. His choosing is not random but one with purpose according to His own will. There is a fixed number of elect and they will all surely be saved. The Lord Jesus Christ will not cast any of His chosen one away (John 6:37).
4. God's election has nothing to do with men as it is entirely from His own sovereign will. The elect are saved to live for God. People resist this doctrine because they think they have a choice. In Phil 2:13, the Bible tells us it is God who made us willing in which we then come to Jesus Christ.
5. Sinful men will say that God is not fair in choosing some to be saved only. They used human sense of justice to judge God's sovereign way. God's answer to this argument of unfairness is given in Rom 9:18-23 that He shows His justice for those who perish in their sins and He shows His mercy to the elect in saving them even though they equally deserve condemnation. For the elect, our response to God ought always to be one of thanksgiving and obedience to Him.