

The Thirty-nine Articles Of Religion

XVII. Of Predestination and Election.

PREDESTINATION to Life is the everlasting purpose of God, whereby (before the foundations of the world were laid) he hath constantly decreed by his counsel secret to us, to deliver from curse and damnation those whom he hath chosen in Christ out of mankind, and to bring them by Christ to everlasting salvation, as vessels made to honour. Wherefore, they which be endued with so excellent a benefit of God, be called according to God's purpose by his Spirit working in due season: they through Grace obey the calling: they be justified freely: they be made sons of God by adoption: they be made like the image of his only-begotten Son Jesus Christ: they walk religiously in good works, and at length, by God's mercy, they attain to everlasting felicity. As the godly consideration of Predestination, and our Election in Christ, is full of sweet, pleasant, and unspeakable comfort to godly persons, and such as feel in themselves the working of the Spirit of Christ, mortifying the works of the flesh, and their earthly members, and drawing up their mind to high and heavenly things, as well because it doth greatly establish and confirm their faith of eternal Salvation to be enjoyed through Christ, as because it doth fervently kindle their love towards God: So, for curious and carnal persons, lacking the Spirit of Christ, to have continually before their eyes the sentence of God's Predestination, is a most dangerous downfall, whereby the Devil doth thrust them either into desperation, or into wretchedness of most unclean living, no less perilous than desperation. Furthermore, we must receive God's promises in such wise, as they be generally set forth to us in Holy Scripture: and, in our doings, that Will of God is to be followed, which we have expressly declared unto us in the Word of God.

Cottonwood Community Church

February 13 2011
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday Devotion, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome

The Collect

Hymn 237: Faith Is The Victory

Psalms 22:1-8

(1) My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?

(2) O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent.

(3) But You *are* holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. (4) Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them.

(5) They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

(6) But I *am* a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people.

(7) All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying,*

(8) "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

Hymn 281: What A Friend

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9

Hymn 284: Have Thine Own Way

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Revelation 19:11-15

Chorus 165: The Battle

Fiery Sign Of Judgement

Luke 12:49-53

Congregational Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn 39: Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—to God, alone wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.