Christian Beliefs, Ch. 12 – 14, Election, Being a Christian, and Justification/ Adoption

**Ch. 12 – Election.**

**Q: Election. What comes to your mind?**

Predestination. – God appointed us to be here before creation.

A. Election – New Testament

1. Paul – Damascus. Christian Killer. Delighted in torturing them.

a. Became the writer of half of the New Testament.

b. slave/ servant of God. No way.

2. Romans 8:28 – 30

a. predestined – justified – glorified.

b. Your Love Never Fails

3. WAIT - So I can just sit home and do nothing? God’s got it all.

a. No. “You will catch some fish” . They are hungry and waiting (81)

b. God uses people as his plan. No matter how much it does not make sense to us.

1) Donald Trump

B. Are We Really Free?

1. Ephesians 1:4-6 (v.5 – according to his will).

**2. What is Free ?**

3. So we do have free will – Moses, Gideon, Jeremiah, etc.

4. But God directs us.

a. College small group - Something to think about, but not worth to split hairs with.

5. Works through our choices. God-given mind.

We are not robots.

6. Romans 1:20 – people knew. Divine nature seen through his creation.

7. Fairness – Let Adam and Eve go. Cast Angels into hell. 2 Peter 2:4 (84)

a. People – pride, defiance, scared.

b. Mercy really.

8. Righteous judge. Sin. Has to be paid.

C. Common Grace.

1. Breathe air. Food. Drive. School. Friends. Family. Nice sunset. Technology.

2. morality (88).

**Ch. 13 – Becoming a Christian.**

A. Calling

1. God is perfect. We are sinners and deserve death. Jesus saved us. We make a choice to eternal condemnation or eternal life.

2. 2 Cor 5:17 – Old has gone, new has come. Transformed life.

3. Not just facts, like how I am talking to you now.

4. But a trust.

Repentence – faith (93)

**Ch.14 – Justification/ Adoption**

**Q: What is justice? What is adoption? General sense.**

A. Justice – Legal.

1. Romans 1 – Justified by faith. – song online.

2. God the Father – supreme judge.

a. Defendant – charged guilty.

b. Jesus – the ultimate sacrifice/ substitute

-- Killed your family. Guilty. Will not let him go. But jesus will take the place.

3. Ephesians 2:8-9

a. By grace you have been saved through faith. Justified as result of God’s grace. (96)

4. Catholic vs. Protestant.

a. Protestant – by grace through faith.

b. Catholic – grace, and works. Sacraments – baptism, penance, etc.

B. Adoption

1. Romans 8:15 - ABBA