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FOREKNOWLEDGE OR SELECTION?

1 PETER 1:20



1ST PETER

LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY

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1 Pet. 1:17, “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves (!) throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

1 Pet. 1:18, “[*because you*] know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

1 Pet. 1:19, “but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

1 Pet. 1:15, “but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct [*anastrophe*],”

1 Pet. 1:17, “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct [*anastrepho*] yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

1 Pet. 1:18, “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct [*anastrophe*] received by tradition from your fathers,”

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**ἀναστρέφω *anastrephō*
aor pass impera 2 plur
to upset, overturn, turn
back, turn round; *fig. act*,
to live, behave, conduct
oneself, live**

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1 Pet. 2:12, “having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

1 Pet. 3:1, “Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,

1 Pet. 3:2, “when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.”

**1 Pet. 3:16, “having a good conscience,
that when they defame you as evildoers,
those who revile your good conduct in
Christ may be ashamed.”**

Live in hope related to the future revelation of the grace of God in Christ (Personal Sense of Eternal Destiny).

Be holy (Confession, Grace Orientation, Doctrinal Orientation)

Live your life based on the fear of God (Doctrinal Orientation, Personal Love for God)

Because you know what it cost to redeem you.

1 Pet. 1:20, “He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

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προγινώσκω *proginōskō*

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to know beforehand, NOT to choose beforehand

Acts 26:5, “They knew me from the first, if they were willing to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.”

Rom. 8:29, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

Rom. 11:2, “God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying,”

2 Pet. 3:17, “You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;”

Acts 2:23, “Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;”

1 Pet. 1:2, “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”

2. The Hebrew word *yada'* and the Greek words *ginoskein*, *proginoskein*, and *prognosis*. The word *yada'* may simply mean “to know” or “to take cognizance” of someone or something, but may also be used in the more pregnant sense of “taking knowledge of one with loving care,” or “making one the object of loving care or elective love.” In this sense it serves the idea of election, Gen. 18:19; Amos 3:2; Hos. 13:5. The meaning of the words *proginoskein* and *prognosis* in the New Testament is not determined by their usage in the classics, but by the special meaning of *yada'*.

They do not denote simple intellectual foresight or prescience, the mere taking knowledge of something beforehand, but rather a selective knowledge which regards one with favor and makes one an object of love, and thus approaches the idea of foreordination, Acts 2:23 (comp. 4:28); Rom. 8:29; 11:2; 1 Peter 1:2. These passages simply lose their meaning, if the words be taken in the sense of simply taking knowledge of one in advance, for God foreknows all men in that sense.

“The background of the term should be located in the Old Testament, where for God ‘to know’ (יָדָע, yāda‘) refers to his covenantal love in which he sets his affection on those whom he has chosen (cf. Gen. 18:19; Exod. 33:17; 1 Sam. 2:12; Ps. 18:43; Prov. 9:10; Jer. 1:5; Hos. 13:5; Amos 3:2). The parallel terms ‘consecrate’ and ‘appoint’ in Jer. 1:5 are noteworthy, for the text is not merely saying that God ‘foresaw’ that Jeremiah would serve as a prophet. The point is that God had lovingly chosen him to be a prophet before he was born. Similarly, in Amos 3:2 God’s knowledge of Israel in contrast to that of the rest of the nations can scarcely be cognitional, for Yahweh had full knowledge of all nations of the earth. The intention of the text is to say that Yahweh had set his covenantal love only upon Israel.”

~Thomas Schreiner, *Romans*

“Even Arminians feel constrained to give the words a more determinative meaning, namely, to foreknow one with absolute assurance in a certain state or condition. This includes the absolute certainty of that future state, and for that very reason comes very close to the idea of predestination. And not only these words, but even the simple *ginoskein* has such a specific meaning in some cases, 1 Cor. 8:3; Gal. 4:9; 2 Tim. 2:19.”

~Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*

Liddell, Scott, Jones. *Greek English Lexicon*

- 1. —know, perceive, learn, or understand beforehand, prognosticate, foreknow, learn things in advance.**
- 2. judge beforehand**

BAGD

- ① to know beforehand or in advance, have foreknowledge (of) τί something.**
- ② choose beforehand τινά someone Rom. 8:29.
Rom. 9–11; 1 Pet. 1:20.—Know from time past
Acts 26:5**

Moulton, Milligan:

To “foreknow,” “know previously”; Notes that Hort thinks 1 Pet. 1:20 means to designate before.

Zodhiates

To perceive or recognize beforehand, know previously, take into account or specially consider beforehand, to grant prior acknowledgement or recognition to someone, to foreknow.

- (I) Used of mere prescience, to know before (Acts 26:5; 2 Pet. 3:17).**
- (II) Used of God's eternal counsel it includes all that He has considered and purposed to do prior to human history. In the language of Scripture, something foreknown is not simply that which God was aware of prior to a certain point. Rather, it is presented as that which God gave prior consent to, that which received His favorable or special recognition. Hence, this term is reserved for those matters which God favorably, deliberately and freely chose and ordained.**

NIDNTT: “The corresponding noun prognōsis (attested as a medical technical term since Hippocrates) denotes the foreknowledge which makes it possible to predict the future.”

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1 Pet. 1:2, “elect according to [κατα, *kata*] the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”

2 Thessalonians 2:9, “Whose coming is kata (“according to”) the working of Satan;”

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