
The Apostolic Defense:

God's Faithfulness, God's Gospel, and God's People

Phase 2: Opening Arguments

Rejoicing in the True Israel of God

Stating the Doctrine: God's purpose in the election of people unto adoption as his children remains sure and unaltered being rooted in eternity, unconditioned in mortal man, fixed on sovereign objectives, moved by unchanging love, guaranteed by an unfailing promise, and worked out by providential choices.

Unfolding of the Doctrine:

Point 1: The Infallibility of the Promise of God

Point 2: The Identity of the People of God

Point 3: The Irresistibility of the Purpose of God

Determinations of the Doctrine:

Determination 1: We are determined to believe and treasure the gospel for what it truly is, the very power of God unto salvation.

Determination 2: We are determined to have every hope in our sharing of the gospel that in fact all those for whom it has been sovereignly appointed will in fact see and understand.

Determination 3: We are determined to have all confidence that the God will ensure that all his elective purposes are accomplished and not one of them will fall short.

Determination 4: We are determined to hold forth the gospel in such a way that its true heart of love will not be lost or obscured in our proclamation.

Determination 5: We are determined in our proclamation of the gospel to communicate it in such a manner as to point men to the efficacious call of God and away from every false hope they have in their works.