Intro: As we open again to the pages of the Gospel John we continue on the path of addressing the subject of God's _________ intervention in the ___________ of man.

A. Due to man's fallen spiritual inability there is but one way in which an individual will be saved: ______ must intervene. As the Bible teaches, God intervenes for the individual's salvation by: 1) ________________ him to be born again, making him alive in Christ by the Spirit of our God (regeneration); and He does this by: 2) determining to give him to the Son, decreeing that the he will come to the Son; 3) determining to possess him by purchasing him through the sacrificial bloodshed of Christ, calling him by name, giving him ears to hear; 4) ________________ him for salvation even before He laid the foundation of the world. This divine intervention is _______________ of God, of which the one who is granted faith is the blessed recipient God's grace.

I. _______ _____________ in salvation: the basis and purpose for which He chooses.

A. The basis (foundational cause) for which God chooses as He does is His ________________

1. Biblical salvific foreknowledge is ______ defined as ______ foreseeing. It is not God looking into the future to ______ what man will do with Christ so He may decide who to choose for salvation. This error taken to its logical conclusion actually affirms what its proponents seek to deny: ______ is the complete and _________________ sovereign over life and salvation, aside from anything man might do. This error also opens the path to the heresy of Open Theism.

2. "Foreknowledge – the unique knowledge of God that enables Him to know all events, including the free acts of people, before they happen. God's foreknowledge is much more than foresight. God does not know future events and human actions because He foresees them; ___ ___________ them because ___ _________ them to happen (Job 14:5; Ps. 139:15-16). Thus, God's foreknowledge is an act of His will (Is. 41:4; Rev. 1:8, 17; 21:6).
In Romans 8:29 and 11:2, the apostle Paul's use of the word 'foreknew' means 'chose' or 'to set special affection on.' The ______________ ________ of God, not foresight of human action, is the basis of His predestination and salvation (Rom. 8:29-30, 33)." (The Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

B. The ________________ for which God chose whom He did for salvation:

1. That they should ___ and ________ fruit.

2. That they should ___ ________________ to Christ and that Christ may be the first-born among many brethren.

3. That we should ___ ________ and blameless before Him.

4. To the __________ of the _________ of ________ grace.

5. For the _________________ of our trespasses.

6. To __________ __________ to us the mystery of His will.

7. To __________ His ________ intention. ...

8. To __________ that His choice is of ______________ and not works.

9. To reveal the ______________ of gospel in the ________ Spirit.

10. To actually _________ the chosen ones to ______________.

Closing: James Montgomery Boice wrote, "Do we think that we have chosen Him? If we do, we do not sufficiently recognize the depth of our own depravity, or the unmerited nature of God's grace."

"___________ therefore said, 'I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, ... I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd ________ down ________ ________ for the sheep. ... My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand."

Do you sense the Savior's calling? ______________ ________!

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