specific persons, from before the beginning of time, saving which He initiates in the course of history in calling and regeneration, resulting in faith.

4) Election is **absolutely certain** as to its outcome. Since the omnipotent God infallibly accomplishes His purposes, **all the elect will be saved.**

The concept of election is taught throughout the New Testament by Jesus, Luke, Paul, Peter and John. It appears in various contexts and many times appears in an ordered way along with other important elements in salvation. Here are a few:

Matthew 11:27 - 27 "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son, except the Father; **nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.**

John 15:16 - 16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you. NASB

See here that Jesus Himself is seen as the electing agent, according to His own will, and not based on anything in the one chosen, it is **unconditional.**

Ephesians 1:3-6 - 4 just **as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,** that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 **He predestined us to adoption** as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. NASB

See here that the election takes place **“before the foundation of the world.”** The when of election could not be clearer. But notice also election is, **“to holiness, in love, for son-ship to Himself, through Jesus, according to His kindness, to the praise of the glory of His grace.”** Wow, what a compounding of beautiful realities about God’s choice of us! Notice also, 2 Timothy 1:9-11;

2 Timothy 1:9-11 - 9 who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, **not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.** 10 but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, NASB

Here we see that salvation is **“not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace.”** Salvation is granted **“from all eternity” and not based on foreseen works,** but is an act of God’s free grace as God is not obligated to sinners in any way to save them, but wills freely to save them while they are yet sinners in rebellion against Him (Rom 5:-8-10).

Acts 13:48 - 48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and **as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.** NASB

See here that faith is seen many times as the **consequence of election,** not the other way around. Foreseen faith is never spoken of as the preceding God’s choice or a reason for it. Those who are **“appointed”** in eternity to eternal life are those who consequently **“believe.”** Election is **not based on foreseen faith, works or holiness.**
John 6:39 - 39 "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day." NASB

Lastly, consider here that all the elect will be saved. Election is always certain as to its outcome. Of “all that He has given me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.” Notice the order here, election and then glorification. All the elect will be glorified, indeed none that the Father has given to the Son will perish, but will indeed be raised in glory at the last Day (1 Cor 15:40-49, Phil 3:20-21).

Predestination
“Predestination” is a Biblical word which refers to the fact that God has set the destiny of His chosen people from before the beginning of time. This is presented in many places in Scripture.

In Acts, we read about an “appointment” to eternal life which results in faith.

Acts 13:48 - 48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. NASB

In 1 Corinthians it used to speak about God’s purpose to deliver us to future glory.

1 Corinthians 2:6-9 - 6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; 7 but we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory; 8 the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; 9 but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him." NASB

In Romans we read that salvation occurs “to those who are called according to His purpose.” Paul reasons then from election, that God predestines, calls, justifies, and glorifies finally. Here the destination of the predestination is that we should be “conformed to the image of His Son,” an obvious reference to our future glory.

Romans 8:28-30 - 28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; 30 and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. NASB

See in these verses God working everything after a predetermined purpose, we results in glory. God has “predestined” His people unto final glory. This predestination is spoken of as God’s “preparing beforehand for glory,” those whom He “calls.”

Romans 9:22-25 - 22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? 23 And He did so in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, 24 even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles. NASB