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**Can we agree with this Bill before we continue**

**I did read all of your "response to a friend" and know you see verse 4 as being a group of believers selected for sanctification I believe.**

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Then from eternity, God looks into the future in time.

Then God is informed by the LFW actions of all those who will believe and these God chooses to be Holy and blameless in Christ,

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Or only those who INFORM Him with their LFW action of Belief that they will set their faith in the direction of believing in Jesus?

This God knows thru "foreseen informed faith"

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To see if they will continue to "keep walking in the Spirit?"

Or if they will keep focusing their innate faith in the direction of Jesus?

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That is look into the future to be informed by their LFW actions?

Or is God capable of doing this with a large group?

Everyone all at one time?

What is the extent of God's ability of his knowledge being informed by the creature?

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1. "Sean Cole said in response to Brian Wagner:

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Here's the question: To whom was this grace given? TO US—(dative—if a normal dative indirect object—we are the recipients of this grace that was given.

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Why would God give grace to Jesus too, later on, give us?

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Does God foresee who will be saved and then ratify their decision based upon what he sees?

Does a dead sinner use his or her free will to come to Christ and then once they come to Christ they are one of the elect?

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