

Biblical Notes – Acts 13:48

48 – 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. (48. Ακούοντα δὲ τὰ ἔθνη ἔχαιρον καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ ἐπίστευσαν ὅσοι ἦσαν τεταγμένοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον)

The key to the verse in Acts 13:48 is that AS MANY AS HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED. There is no exegetical way to get around the fact that God in his Sovereign Decree appointed specific individuals to eternal. In the case of Acts 13:48 it was specific Gentiles.

Act 13:48 — ἀκούοντα δὲ τὰ ἔθνη ἔχαιρον καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν λόγον τοῦ κυρίου καὶ ἐπίστευσαν ὅσοι ἦσαν »τεταγμένοι« εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον

Strong's Definitions: τάσσω tássō, tas'-so; a prolonged form of a primary verb (which latter appears only in certain tenses); to arrange in an orderly manner, i.e. assign or dispose (to a certain position or lot):—addict, appoint, determine, ordain, set.

Thayer's Greek Lexicon:

ὅσοι ἦσαντεταγμένοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον, as many as were appointed (A. V. ordained) (by God) to obtain eternal life, or to whom God had decreed eternal life, Acts 13:48...

Those who don't study, and are ignorant of the bible reject predestination, even though your bible uses the word multiple times. τάσσω is in the text, and the Gentiles were appointed and decreed them to eternal life.