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Section II: Faith in God Through Jesus Christ

PREDESTINATION

Q: Do you include anything else under this name of providence besides what you have said?

A: I also include under this the eternal predestination of God.

Q: What do you mean by this predestination?

A: The eternal decree of God, by which—according to His good will—He has foreordained before the creation of the world all that He willed to do with mankind, to be glorified in them.

Q: What does this decree include?

A: The election of the elect, and the reprobation of the reprobate.

Q: What do you mean by the election of the elect?

A: The decree by which God has chosen those in whom He is pleased to be glorified by His mercy in His Son Jesus Christ.

Q: What then do you mean by reprobation?

A: The decree by which He has ordained to leave in their just condemnation all those by whom He is pleased to be glorified by His just judgment.