

CALVINIST - Election → Salvation
→ Damnation

• The Gospel promise may not be sincere
so your trust/faith in it may not save.

• The person seeks the secret knowledge of God
if elected, then promise to save you is good
if not elected...

ARMINIAN - "Faith" → "Election"

The Gospel promise is sincere, but it all
depends upon you (decision, action)

Did I do it? Have I fallen?

Total Depravity
Unconditional Election
Limited Atonement
Irresistible Grace
Perseverance of the Saints

Free will
Not a real election

LUTHERAN - Election → Faith (which saves)

God wants all to be saved. I can't save myself (dead in sins)

Therefore, God works through Word/Sacrament -- always sincere

He works repentance by the Law, He gives faith by the Gospel promise

All who believe are saved.

If I believe, then All thanks be to God -- it is all His work.

When the believer wonders whether they will persevere...

God's Election (indirect proof) assures them.

It was God's plan before time to save you.

He chose you in Christ and will bring it to completion
through faith in Christ.

Continue with His Word and Sacrament with faith in Christ.

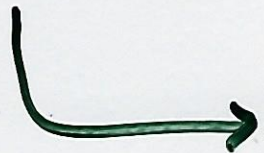
When there is no faith, we point them to Law and Gospel promise
to create faith.

The Lutheran Fathers (post Book of Concord)
used *Intuitu Fidei*



Against the Calvinist
God doesn't elect blindly.
His election (before time)
is seen (in time) through
The instrument of faith.


C.F.W. Walther
refused to use *Intuitu Fidei*





Against the Arminian
(man's work caused salvation)


Walther: God doesn't look ahead and see
man's work (of faith) and then
elect those based on it.

Walther: Election causes faith
Not [^] faith causes election,
foreseen

 Election is
in view of faith
→
John Gerhard

Calvinist
 Absolute Election
(Apart from faith)

 Election is
in view of faith
←
Later
Lutherans

 Walther:
You are a synergist!
Foreseen faith doesn't
cause election.
God's election is apart
from/before faith.

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You are a Calvinist.
You have an election
apart from faith.