

And then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ'; or, 'Behold, He is there'; do not believe him; ~ Mark 13:21 (NASB 1995)

**CHRISTOS - GREEK** ~ the Anointed One, the Messiah, the promised deliverer of God's people

**ME PISTEUETE - GREEK** ~ do not believe it, do not trust it, do not be persuaded

*for false Christs and false prophets will arise, and will show signs and wonders, in order to lead astray, if possible, the elect.* ~ Mark 13:22 (NASB 1995)

**PSEUDOCHRISTOI - GREEK** ~ pseudo, fake, counterfeit messiahs

**PSEUDOPROPHETAI - GREEK** ~ pseudo, fake, counterfeit prophets

**PROS TO APOPLANAN - GREEK** ~ to lead astray, so as to deceive, to cause someone to wander off the path

**EI DYNATON TOUS EKLEKTOUS - GREEK** ~ if possible, even the elect

**Do not equate power with truth!  
Do not equate signs with authority!**

**Do not assume that just because something is spiritual,  
it is from God!**

*But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.*  
~ Mark 13:23 (NASB 1995)

**HYMEIS DE BLEPETE - GREEK** ~ literally, But you—watch! Be on guard!  
See clearly!

**PROEIREKA HYMIN PANTA - GREEK** ~ I have told you all things  
beforehand.

**Discernment is not something you figure out in the moment of  
pressure! It's something you build beforehand!**

**The goal is not to obsess over every false claim  
or chase down every deception!**

**The goal is to know Jesus so clearly  
that anything false immediately stands out!**

We hope you experience God's wonderful aloha today!

**Restrooms** are located in our Multi-Purpose Building across the courtyard, on the right side of the building. **Aloha Riders Kids Church** for toddlers through 5th grade takes place at the same time in our Multi-Purpose Building.

❖ **WHAT TO EXPECT IN WORSHIP ~ HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

- † Welcome & Opening Worship Set (*Traditional & Modern Songs*)
- Meet & Greet and Announcements
- Life Application Message
- † Closing Song
- † Blessing/Benediction

*(Please place Offering & Connection Cards in the Yay God Boxes in the lobby)*  
† *Please stand if you are able.*

❖ **take the PLUNGE!**

Let's go deeper. Weekly discussion questions about the message are available at [www.WaikoloaCC.org/messages/](http://www.WaikoloaCC.org/messages/)

❖ **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**WORSHIP EXPERIENCES: Sundays**

- Common Grounds - 9:15am - WCC Courtyard
- Adult Worship Experience - 9:30am - Worship Center & Online Live
- Aloha Riders Kids Church - 9:30am - Multi-Purpose Building
- Common Grounds - 10:45am - WCC Courtyard

**ALOHA GROUPS: WCC Small Groups**

See the church website, [WaikoloaCC.org](http://WaikoloaCC.org) or contact the Church Office for days, times and locations.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays** - 7pm - @ Hovde's

**BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays** ~ 9:30am - co-ed - Worship Center

**OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday - Friday** ~ 9am - 1pm and by appointment

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*Loving God! ~ Loving People! ~ catch The wave!*



## ❖ MESSAGE NOTES

### **JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark ~ Part 51**

*Unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days.*

~ Mark 13:20 (NASB 1995)

**EKOLOBOSEN - GREEK** ~ shortened, literally to cut off, amputate, curtail, or shorten

**OUK AN ESO THE PASA SARX - GREEK** ~ literally no flesh would have been saved

**EKLEKTOUS - GREEK** ~ the elect, the chosen ones, those selected

**EXELEXATO - GREEK** ~ to choose, to select, to pick out for oneself

#### **TWO PRIMARY WAYS CHRISTIANS HAVE UNDERSTOOD ELECTION**

##### 1) CALVINISM

*Refer to TULIP graphic on insert*

##### 2) WESLEYAN-ARMINIAN DISTINCTIVES

*Refer to PCURC graphic on insert*

**ASSURANCE OF THE SPIRIT** ~ He provides us with a direct, internal, certainty that, right now, you are a child of God.

*He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. ~ 1 John 5:12 (NASB 1995)*

*The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. ~ 2 Peter 3:9 (NASB 1995)*

*This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

~ 1 Timothy 2:3 (NASB 1995)

*...chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved... In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel*

*of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. ~ Ephesians 1:4b–5, 10b–14 (NASB 1995)*

**PROORISAS - GREEK** ~ **predestined, to decide beforehand, to mark out a destiny in advance**

*In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ~ Romans 8:13 (NASB 1995)*

*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. ~ Romans 8:28 (NASB 1995)*

*For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. ~ Romans 8:29–30 (NASB 1995)*

**PROEGNO - GREEK** ~ foreknew

**His foreknowledge is not forcing the outcome!  
It is simply knowing the outcome!**

*Refer to Golden Chain graphic on insert*

**Paul is showing us the certainty of the Source,  
not the passivity of the saint.**

*Refer to Combined Olive Tree graphic on insert*

*Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either. Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. ~ Romans 11:20–22 (NASB 1995)*

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<b>T</b>	<b>TOTAL DEPRAVITY</b> Man is totally incapable of choosing God on his own.		* Absolute corruption; there is nothing good in man.
<b>U</b>	<b>UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION</b> * God chooses whom He will save, not based on anything in man.		* God's choice, not man's.
<b>L</b>	<b>LIMITED ATONEMENT</b> * Christ died only for the elect, not for all people.		* Redemption is specific; only the elect are ransomed.
<b>I</b>	<b>IRRESISTIBLE GRACE</b> * God's grace effectively brings only the elect to saving faith.		* God's influence overrides human resistance to insure a "Yes."
<b>P</b>	<b>PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS</b> * Those whom God decides to save will be kept. They cannot fall away.		* Once saved, always saved.

**THE FIVE POINTS OF CALVINISM**

<b>P</b>	<b>PREVENIENT GRACE</b> God's grace restores the human will, enabling all people to respond.		* Grace for all; the ability to choose is restored.
<b>C</b>	<b>CONDITIONAL ELECTION</b> God chooses to save a CATEGORY of people: those who are 'in Christ' by faith.		* God's choice of the "faithful," not arbitrary individuals.
<b>U</b>	<b>UNLIMITED ATONEMENT</b> Jesus Christ died for EVERY human being, without exception.		* Redemption is universal; payment was made for ALL.
<b>R</b>	<b>RESISTIBLE GRACE</b> God's call to salvation can be accepted or rejected by the human will.		* Relational response; grace does not override the person.
<b>C</b>	<b>CONDITIONAL SECURITY</b> Believers must remain in Christ by faith to be finally saved.		* Endurance is required; the saved must continue in the faith.

**THE WESLEYAN-ARMINIAN DISTINCTIVES**

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