

You Are Chosen **Ephesians 1:3-6**

Main Point:

As one who is chosen in Christ, be reassured by your election and reveal its reality in your life.

1. In Christ, you are chosen by God.
2. This means that you are loved and wanted by God.
3. This means that you are to be holy and blameless before God.
4. Be reassured by your election and reveal its reality in your life.

Ephesians 1:11 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, (NKJV)

Romans 9:10-13 10 And not only *this*, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, *even* by our father Isaac 11 (for *the children* not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), 12 it was said to her, “The older shall serve the younger.” 13 As it is written, “Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.” (NKJV)

John Piper “When God planned in eternity to pluck us out of our bondage to sin, he had Christ in mind as the way he would do it. God planned before the foundation of the world to save us through the death and resurrection of Christ.”

Martin Luther “The truth is, I am all sin.”

Romans 8:29 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (NKJV)

Jonathan Landry Cruse “When properly understood, election teaches us not just about how great God is but about how good He is. He is a sovereign God, and yet a saving God.”

Sinclair Ferguson “Can his love for me be that big, that long, that deep? Yes, indeed - and if it is rooted in eternity, it will also last for eternity.”

Sinclair Ferguson “We are certainly not chosen because we are holy; but we are chosen in order to become holy!”

1 Peter 2:9 9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (NKJV)

J.I. Packer “The doctrine of election, like every truth about God, involves mystery and sometimes stirs controversy. But in Scripture it is a pastoral doctrine, brought in to help Christians see how great is the grace that saves them, and to move them to ... holiness in response.”

Bryan Chapell “Predestination was never meant to be a doctrinal club used to batter people into acknowledgement of God’s sovereignty. Rather, the message of God’s love preceding our accomplishments and outlasting our failures was meant to give us a profound sense of confidence and security in God’s love so that we will not despair in situations of great difficulty, pain, and shame.”

J.I. Packer “God owes sinners no mercy of any kind, only condemnation; so it is a wonder, and matter for endless praise, that he should choose to save any of us; and doubly so when his choice involved the giving of his own Son to suffer as sin-bearer for the elect....Knowledge of one’s election thus brings comfort and joy.”