

How Man Knows Whom God Chose

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I. God's plan of salvation is all by God—It has to work—God does it all

A. We spent seven sermons teaching God's plan—That is all by God and all by grace

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate...

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ...

B. God's plan of salvation takes the chance out of the plan working

1. *Why doesn't God just give everybody a chance?* —God gave Adam a chance

2. The plan still will not work—God did not send His Son on a chance

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

C. There is assurance in knowing that salvation is not based on your will or works

Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

2Ti 1:8 ...the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace...

D. There is assurance in knowing that your salvation is not based on your faith

Mat 6:... *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

Mat 8:26 ...Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he...rebuked the winds...

Mar 9:... Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

1. Eternal salvation is not based on your faith

Rom 3:3-4 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid...

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

2. Faith is not the cause of ‘born again’—‘Born again’ is the cause of faith

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...**faith**,

Php 1:29 For unto you it is given...to believe on him...

Eph 1:19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead...

II. How man knows whom God chose—The ones called—Must have been chosen

Rom 8:30 ...whom he did predestinate, them he also called (*born again*): and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

A. Paul could remember his ‘born again’ moment—He liked to talk about it

Act 9:6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? ...

B. It is unlikely that John the Baptist could remember being born again

Luk 1:44 ...the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...

III. How man knows whom God chose—Or—How can I tell if I have been born again?

A. Except a man be chosen & called (born again)—He is dead to the spiritual realm

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

B. The non-chosen & uncalled *spiritually dead* will not and cannot come to Jesus

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

Joh 6:65 ...no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

C. The non-chosen & uncalled *dead* cannot know, understand or hear spiritual things

1Co 2:14 ..the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Joh 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

Joh 12:37 ...though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not...

Joh 12:39 ...they could not believe...

D. The non-chosen & uncalled *unborn again dead* do not have the fruit of the Spirit

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love...goodness, faith,

1. If the man now loves God—He has been chosen & called (born again) by God

1Jn 4:7 ...love is of God; and **every one that loveth is born of God...**

1Jn 3:14 **We know** that we have passed from death unto life, **because we love the brethren...**

2. If the man has goodness—He has been chosen & called (born again) by God

1Jn 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whoso- ever **doeth not righteousness** is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

1Jn 2:29 ...every one that **doeth righteousness** is born of him.

Rom 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you...that ye also are **full of goodness...**

Mat 7:16 Ye shall **know them by their fruits...**

Mat 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit...

3. If the man now believes—He has been chosen & called (born again) by God

1Jn 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ **is born of God...**

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son **hath everlasting life...**

Joh 5:24 ...He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, **hath everlasting life...**

E. The non-chosen & uncalled will not confess that Jesus has come as Lord

1Co 12:3 ...no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

1Jn 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him...

1Jn 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

IV. How man knows whom God chose—More on ‘Knowing That You Are Going’

A. Those who have been chosen & called—Have the Spirit and are led by Him

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God

B. Those who have been chosen & called—Have the Spirit and cry ‘Abba, Father’

Rom 8:15 ...ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Gal 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

C. Those who have been chosen & called—Have been taught of God to know God

Heb 8:11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered...Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

D. Those who have been chosen & called—Have a conviction about sin

Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were **pricked in their heart**, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized...

—(Note the different reaction to the same message from those not born again)

Act 5:33 When they heard *that*, they were **cut to the heart**, and took counsel to slay them.

E. Those who have been chosen & called have a ‘want to’ to be with Jesus

Mat 27:44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God...

Luk 23:42 ...Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

V. The gospel is not for giving life—It is so the chosen can know they are the chosen

A. Man does not do anything to get life—God gives the life as a free gift

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace...

Rom 6:23 ...the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

B. Belief is not for getting everlasting life—Belief is your evidence that you have it

Joh 3:3 ...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.