

Wanted by God!

1 Peter 1:2; Exodus 24:3-8
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Introduction

- The humiliation of not being picked and joy of being chosen
- As “pilgrims and sojourners”...
 - we do not “fit in”, but are different from the world
 - we are disliked, even hated by them—John 15:20-22
- We might not wanted by the world, but we are...

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A. God’s PICK: The “Elect”

1. Election avoid as too complicated, confusing, or controversial.
2. But Scripture full of evidence that: God makes choices. He picks.
 - a. God picked Abraham, then Isaac, Jacob, and finally Israel to be his “Chosen” people.—Gen. 12; 17; Rom. 9; Deut. 7:6
 - b. God’s picks given to Jesus—John 6:37, 44
 - c. Jesus chooses us—John 15:16
 - d. Chosen ones make up the church—Eph. 1:3-6; 1 Pet. 2:9-10

B. Father’s PLAN: “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God”

1. “Foreknowledge” is not foresight, that is, God did not choose based on knowing what man might do. Not a “real” choice.
 - a. Makes man, not God, sovereign in salvation
 - b. Gives man undue credit for his salvation
 - c. Assumes that fallen man can seek after God—Rom. 3:11
 - d. Jesus Christ is “foreordained” to be the savior—1 Peter 1:19-20
 - e. God is absolutely sovereign over all—Is. 46:9-10; 14:24
2. “Foreknowledge” is God predetermining in eternity past to choose some based on His Eternal Plan.
3. His pick based solely on love for us.—Deut. 7:7-8; Eph. 1:5-6

C. Spirit’s PROCESS: “Elect...in sanctification of the Spirit”

1. Includes all that the Spirit does to bring us to saving faith in Christ!
 - a. Conviction of sin—John 16:7
 - b. Opening blinded eyes to truth—1 Cor. 2:14
 - c. Repentance and faith, new birth—Tit. 3:5; John 3
2. Includes life-long process of inner transformation—Eph. 4; 2 Cor. 5
3. Includes being “sealed”, guaranteeing the completion of salvation

D. Son’s PRODUCT: “Elect...for obedience and sprinkling of blood”

1. Under the “old” covenant : a pledge of obedience—Exodus 24:3-8
2. Under the “new” covenant: a pledge of obedience sealed with Christ’s blood.
3. Called to be fully devoted, obedient followers of Jesus