

## **GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IN SALVATION Part 2**

### **Ephesians 1:4-6**

#### **The Purpose of God's Choosing (1:4b)**

That we should be Holy = holy (hagios) this is the same word translated "saints" in verse one.

- We as the chosen saints of God should live holy (morally pure) lives.

Blameless = without blame, faultless

Before Him = in His sight- 1Peter 1:14-16

- Compare with Eph. 4:1-3 & Rom. 12:1-2

In love = these words could be taken either with what precedes or what follows.

- If "in love" is with what precedes it refers to the love of the saints.
  - If it refers to the saints it would be better placed following "holy and blameless."
- If "in love" is with what follows it refers to God's love for the elect.
  - If "in love" refers to God it is in the right place and is consistent with the praise given God stated in this letter. See 1:5, 1:9 & 2:4-7

#### **Adopted as Sons (1:5)**

Predestined (proorizo) = to determine beforehand, preordain. It is a compound word from "pro" meaning before and "horizo" meaning to mark out, decree, determine, or ordain.

- An example of "horizo", translated predetermined in Acts 2:23.
  - "Foreknowledge" in Acts 2:23 is based upon God's predetermined plan not His omniscience. – 1Peter 1:2
- Examples of "proorizo" – Acts 4:28 (the apostles prayer). Rom. 8:29-30 & Eph. 1:11

Adoption as sons (5) = under Roman law one who is adopted has the same rights and privileges as those born into the family. – Rom. 8:14-17, Gal. 4:6-9

- To be known by God (Gal. 4:9) is the opposite "I never knew you" in Mat. 7:23

Through Jesus Christ (5) = see Eph. 1:7-11 & Rom. 3:24-26

To Himself = as God's children. – "As many as received Him (Christ) to them He gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

## **The Twofold Motivation For God's Choosing (1:5b-6)**

The first motivation: love

- According to the kind intention of His will (5b) – Eph. 2:4-5

The second motivation: to the praise of the glory of His grace (6) = i.e. to manifest to all the glorious richness of His grace toward His people, resulting in tributes of praise.

- This grace He freely bestowed on us - 2Peter 1:3-4
- In the Beloved = i.e. the redemptive grace of God came to us through the work of Christ. – Eph 1:7-14

**Closing thought: Eph 1:3**