



HE
CHOSE
US IN
HIM

He Chose Us In Him



- ✦ Election in Christ must be understood as the election of God's people.
- ✦ Only as members of that community do individuals share in the benefits of God's gracious choice.

Important Terms

NONE OF
THESE
TERMS
DEMAND
Unconditional
Individualistic
Election

- ◆ **Proorizo**: predestinate, foreordain
- ◆ **Ekloge** (with *eklektos* and *eklegomai*): election, choice
- ◆ **Boule** (with *boulema* and *boulomai*): counsel, will
- ◆ **Prothesis** (with *protithemi*): plan, purpose
- ◆ **Thelo** (with *thelema*): will, desire
- ◆ **Eudokia** (with *eudokeo*): good pleasure, will
- ◆ **Prognosis** (with *proginosko*): foreknowledge, prescience

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Predestined

προορίζω - proorizō

Strong's - to *limit in advance*, that is, (figuratively) *predetermine*: - determine before, ordain, predestinate.

Thayer Definition: G4309 –

- 1) to predetermine, decide beforehand
- 2) in the NT of God decreeing from eternity
- 3) to foreordain, appoint beforehand

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1. Means properly “to set bounds before;” and then to “pre-determine.” It is originally a geographical term, but applied also to any thing concluded, or determined, or demonstrated.
2. Here the word is used to point out God’s fixed purpose or predetermination to bestow upon those who are “IN CHRIST” the blessing of the adoption through belief of the truth (Eph. 1:5, 13)

What God HAS Predestined

God Determined Before Time:

✦ That Jesus would die . . .

Acts 4:27-28 (NKJV)

²⁷ "For truly against Your holy
Servant Jesus, whom You
anointed, both Herod and
Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles
and the people of Israel, were
gathered together ²⁸ to do
whatever Your hand and Your
purpose determined before to
be done.

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- ✦ That His children will be conformed to the image of Jesus.

Romans 8:29-30 (NKJV)

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.

³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

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1 Corinthians 2:7
(NKJV)

⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

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Ephesians 1:5-6 (NKJV)
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- ✦ That believers in Christ Jesus should be to the praise of God's glory.

Ephesians 1:11-12 (NKJV)

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,
¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

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- ◆ Used as a noun, *eklektos* refers to the body of believers as God's "chosen ones" or "the elect." Thus, it has a corporate rather than individual sense. The church's experience of salvation rests in the sovereign decision of God from beginning to end.
- ◆ *eklektos* can also refer to Jesus as the Chosen One (Isaiah 42:1; Lk 23:35). Even though he was a living stone rejected by most people, he is chosen by God (1 Pet. 2:4, 6). It is on Jesus as the cornerstone that the church, made up of living stones chosen by God, is built.

See *NIDNTT-A*, 173–75.

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The Blessed Class

Ephesians 1:1-6 (NKJV)

The Chosen Class

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed ~~be~~ the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined ~~us to~~ adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

The Adopted Class

The Accepted Class

Isaiah 42:1

In Christ - The Chosen Sphere

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Ephesians 3:6,10,11

Ephesians 1:7-12 (NKJV)

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him. ¹¹

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One body - 2:16
Fellow citizens - 2:19
Household of God - 2:19
Temple - 2:21

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Ephesians 3:6,10,11

“The A.V. here makes the verb active where it **should be passive**. The literal sense is *we were designated as a heritage*. So Rev., correctly, *were made a heritage*. Compare Deuteronomy 4:20, *a people of inheritance* (λαὸν ἔγκληρον). Also Deuteronomy 32:8, 9.— Vincent's Word Studies in the New Testament

(NKJV)

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It was predetermined that the believers heritage would be in Christ

Acts 26:18 (NKJV) ¹⁸ to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and **an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'**

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Ephesians 1:8-11



God's
Wisdom
(1:8)

Christ & His
Church

Mystery of
His Will
(1:9)

1:22,23;
2:16,19-22
3:9-11
5:32

Good
Pleasure
(1:5,9)

God's
Eternal
Purpose
(1:9,11)

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Conditioned Upon Having Heard & Believed The Truth

Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV)

¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

- ✦ **“In whom you also”** (“*you also were included in Christ*” [NIV]) (1:22,23; 2:11-13; cf. Col. 1:18-23; 1 Pet. 2:10)
- ✦ **“Having heard [ASV]”** – They were included into God’s chosen people, (*in Christ*), after they heard and believed the truth – (Eph. 4:21; 2 Thes 2:13,14; Jam 1:18-25; Rom. 1:16,17)

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God Chose Before The World:

The Head &
Class, -
“The body of
Christ, i.e.
the church”

Eph 1:22,23

- ◆ The type of person -
Mat 5:3-12
- ◆ The obedient -
becoming members of
the chosen family -
Galatians 3:26,27;
Hebrews 5:8,9,
- ◆ Those who make their
“Calling and Election
sure” - 2 Pet 1:5-10

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God Chose Before The World:

Wisdom

- ◆ God planned it before the world began – Ep 1:4; 3:11

What?

- ◆ The "chosen" would be holy and without blame in Christ – Ep 1:4; 5:27

Class

- ◆ Believers would be adopted as sons – Ep 1:5; Gal 3:26,27 – (*i.e. the means & conditions*)

Motive?

- ◆ This plan is according to God's good pleasure – Ep 1:5,10-13

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God Chose Before The World:

Who?

- ◆ The faithful in Christ – (1,4,5,13)

Where?

- ◆ Those In Christ's body, i.e. church, (1-13; 2:16; *cf. Rom 16:13*)

How?

- ◆ By grace through faith – (2,7,13; 2:8-10)

When?

- ◆ Baptized Into The Family of God – (5,7,13; *cf. Acts 2:38,41,47; Gal 3:26,27*)

What?

- ◆ Forgiveness - Grace, peace – Inheritance, Adoption, eternal life (3)

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In Christ

(denoting a relationship)



Ephesians 1:1 (NKJV)

¹ . . . By <dia> the will of God, To the saints who are in <en> Ephesus, and faithful in <en> Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV)

⁷ In <en> Him we have redemption through <dia> His blood, . . .

Ephesians 2:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ . . . in <en> one body through <dia> the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

Ephesians 3:6 (NKJV)

⁶ . . . partakers of His promise in <en> Christ through <dia> the gospel,

Ephesians 3:12 (NKJV)

¹² in <en> whom we have boldness and access with confidence through <dia> faith in <en> Him.

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1 Peter 2:4-10 (NKJV)

⁴ Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "*Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.*"

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1 Peter 2:4-10 (NKJV)

. . . 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; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

GOD CHOSE & CHOOSES

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BEFORE TIME



The Class –
In Christ
Ephesians 1



The Book of Life

IN TIME

30 AD

500 AD

1000 AD

1500 AD

2000 AD

2010 AD



Acts 2:38-47

Eph. 2:12,13

1 Pet. 2:9,10

2 Thes 2:13,14

Rom 16:3-13

1 Cor. 12:13,27

Rom 6:3-6

Gal 3:26,27

The Individual
Who Enters The
Class

Names Written

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Baptized Into

Rom. 6:3-6

Gal. 3:26,27

Acts 2:38,47

Outside Christ Lost Without Hope

1. **NO spiritual blessings –**
2. **NOT chosen –**
3. **NOT children of God –**
4. **NOT accepted –**
5. **NO redemption –**
6. **NO forgiveness –**
7. **NO heavenly Inheritance**

Inside Christ Saved / Hope

1. **ALL spiritual blessings**
2. **Chosen –**
3. **A child of God –**
4. **Accepted –**
5. **Redeemed –**
6. **Forgiven –**
7. **A Heavenly Inheritance**

Predestined Sphere

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