

“FOR HIS GLORY”
SERMON NOTES
Ephesians 1:1-2

The main subject of the text is _____. (vv. 6, 13b-14)

a. Praise the Lord because he _____ us. (v. 3)

God is to be praised (OT) – Ps 68:19; 144:1; Ruth 4:14; 1 Kgs 1:48; 8:15 Gen 14:20; 24:27; 1 Sam 25:32)

God is to be praised (Eph 1) – *because he blessed us*

Spiritual blessings (vv. 4-14)

Are you appropriating the blessings? (Col 3:2; 1 Pt 1:3)

b. Praise the Lord because he _____ us. (v. 4)

What did God do?

“Chose” – eklego = “I pick out for myself, I choose”

~ See God’s free decision, but not to the exclusion of human responsibility.

~ Additional support: Rom 8:28-30; 2 Thess 2:13-14; 2 Tim 1:9; 2 Pt 1:10

God’s choice is seen throughout Scripture:

Election – “an act of God before creation in which he chooses some people to be saved, not on account of any foreseen merit in them, but only because of his sovereign good pleasure”

Who did the choosing?

When did this happen? (see passages above)

Why? (Purpose)

IT’S ALL ABOUT HIS GLORY!!

Is God still good even if he didn’t choose everyone? – YES (Ps 119:68; Lk 18:19; 1 Jn 1:5)

Remember our state: Rom 1:32; 3:10-11; 5:6-10; 2 Tim 1:9

Is God a liar by saying that he desires all to be saved? – NO (Num 23:19; Titus 1:2)

Does God predestine people to hell? – NO

(called double-predestination)

Key word: MYSTERY

Does man have freedom to choose God? – YES

Think about all the invitations to believe, repent, confess, trust, follow in the Bible?

Key word: Antimony – “two equally valid truths that contradict one another”

Picture: Train tracks

MY RESPONSE:

c. Praise the Lord because he _____ us. (v. 5)

Predestination – “to foreordain, to come to a decision beforehand, to decide beforehand, to determine ahead of time, to decide upon ahead of time.”

Difference between ELECTION & PREDESTINATION? – Choice & Plan/Program

What does it mean to be adopted per Roman culture?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Adoption emphasizes our new _____.

Adoption emphasizes the _____ of our future.

Adoption emphasizes we have a new _____.

MY RESPONSE:

Three important statements taking into account v. 6.

- a. To praise God properly for the glory of His grace in Christ, we must remember what we were _____ His grace found us. (Titus 3:3-5)
- b. To praise God properly for the glory of His grace in Christ, we must recognize the extravagance of his _____ (Eph 1:6, 8; 2:7)
- c. To praise God properly for the glory of His grace in Christ, we must see that He _____ His beloved Son for our salvation. (Rom 8:32)