SERIES ON EPHESIANS

TITLE: "CHOSEN IN HIM, PART 2"

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I. Introduction

II. Memory Verse:

Ephesians 1:3

> 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.

III. Main Idea – God, sheerly by grace, chose all Christians to be in His family from eternity past in in order to glorify Himself to eternity future.

IV. The Text (1:4-6)

A. When God chose us: Eternity past – *just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world* [REVIEW]

B. Why God chose us: Our holiness – *that we would be holy and blameless before Him* [REVIEW]

C. What God chose us for: Adoption into His family – *In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself*

- Adoption is deeply interwoven into the Divine plan of salvation (Romans 8:15, 23, 29-30; Galatians 4:4-7)
- Through adoption, God "buys us back" from being "*sons of disobedience*" and "*children of wrath*" (2:2-3)
- Adoption best describes being children of God, since we are His by grace, not by birth, and yet have the same rights and privileges as if we were so by birth!
- Critically, this is done *through Jesus Christ*, that is, through Jesus' work

D. How God chose us: Intentional kindness – *according to the kind intention of His will*

- The synonyms "*kind intention*" and "will" stress God's plan and determination to choose us in Christ
- "*kind intention*" means "good pleasure," "satisfaction," and "approval," while "*will*" means "active resolve" and "determined purpose"
- Put together, these words tell us that God did not choose us arbitrarily, but with a deep, redemptive purpose combined with warm love and delight in doing so

E. To what end God chose us: Worshipping Him – *to the praise of the glory of His grace*

- Paul singles out God's key attribute that makes this all happen: *His grace*
- God's grace is His active love, freely bestowed upon us so that we have all we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3)
- Out of all of the wondrous acts of God, the greatest acts toward His children are summed in this one term: *grace*!
- How then should we respond to God's manifold grace? With exuberant praise!

F. In Whom God chose us: His beloved Son – *which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved*

- *"freely bestowed"* is from the same root word as "*grace,*" stressing God's generosity to His blessed children
- For "*the beloved*" see also Colossians 1:14, literally "the son of His love"
- The Father uses this term each time the heavens are opened (Mark 1:11; 9:7)
- "*the beloved*" refers to Jesus as the supreme object of the Father's love