

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

IN CHRIST

A WALK THROUGH EPHESIANS

The Goodness of God

Ephesians 1: 3 - 10

The Goodness of God Awakens my

Praise for the Glory of God

God Deserves My Highest Praise Because...

1. God Has Spoken Well of Me. (v.3)
2. God Has Chosen Me. (v.4)
3. God Has Adopted Me. (vv.5-6)
4. God Has Redeemed Me. (vv.7-10).

SERMON OUTLINE

The Goodness of God Awakens My Praise For The Glory Of God

1. REVIEW

What does Paul mean when he says "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" in verse 3?

As you read verse 4, Paul shifts to tell us that God has "chosen us" to be in Christ before the foundation of the world. (The Doctrine of Election). This teaching is seen throughout the entire bible and has for centuries baffled the minds of every great Theologian. Read these Scriptures, Romans 8:29; Romans 9: 1-33; 1 Thess. 1:4-5; John 6:37; John 13:18; Acts 4:27-28; 1 Peter 1:2; Acts 2:23; etc. How does this truth encourage you to know that God has always wanted and desired for you to be His child?

Read Ephesians 1:4 and 2 Peter 3:9. What are the three responses/ impacts the Doctrine of Election should cause when we dwell on it?

In verses 5-6, Paul guides us toward the goodness of God as seen through His adopting us into His family. How should this truth shape our identity?

2. ASSESS

Which one of the three responses toward Election do you sense needs to grow more in your heart and life? (Humility, Godliness, Urgency) Why do you think this?

3. APPLY

What action will you take this week to remind yourself of the goodness of God?
