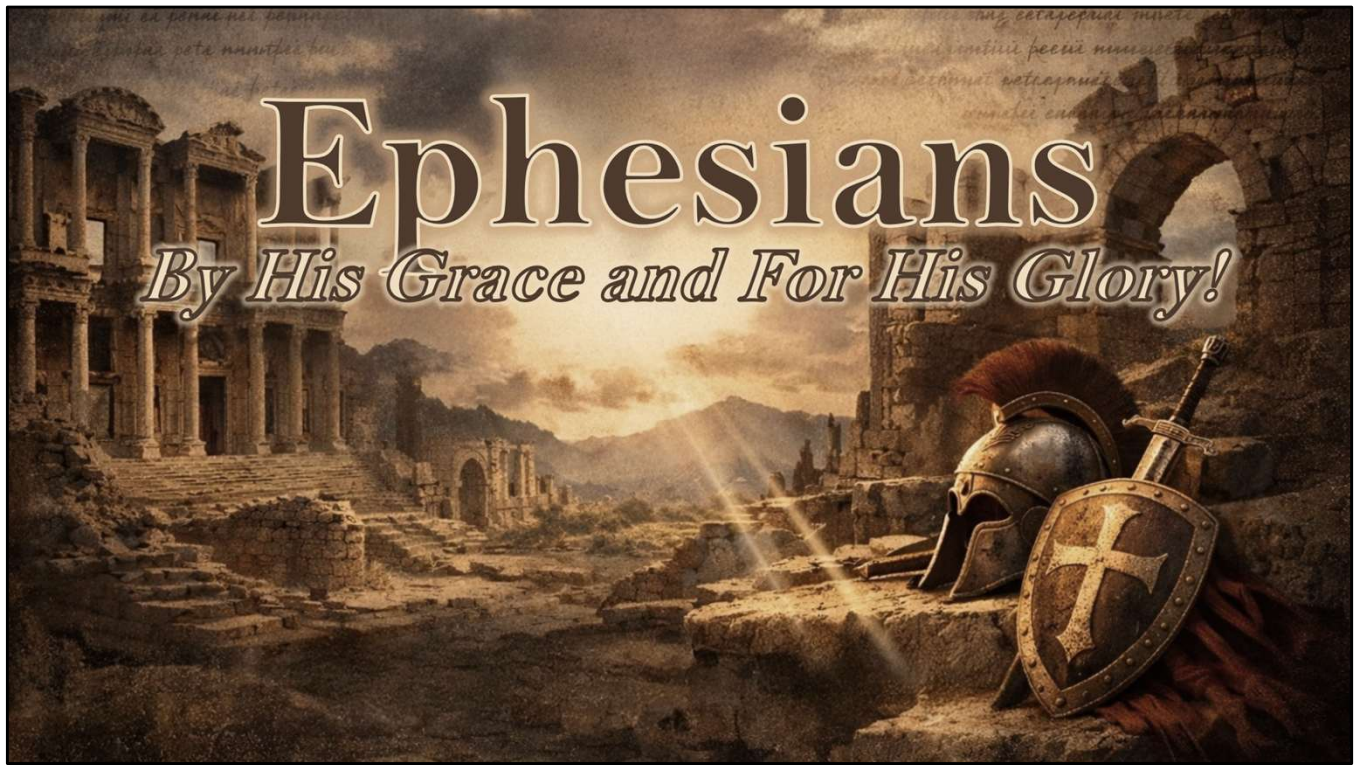
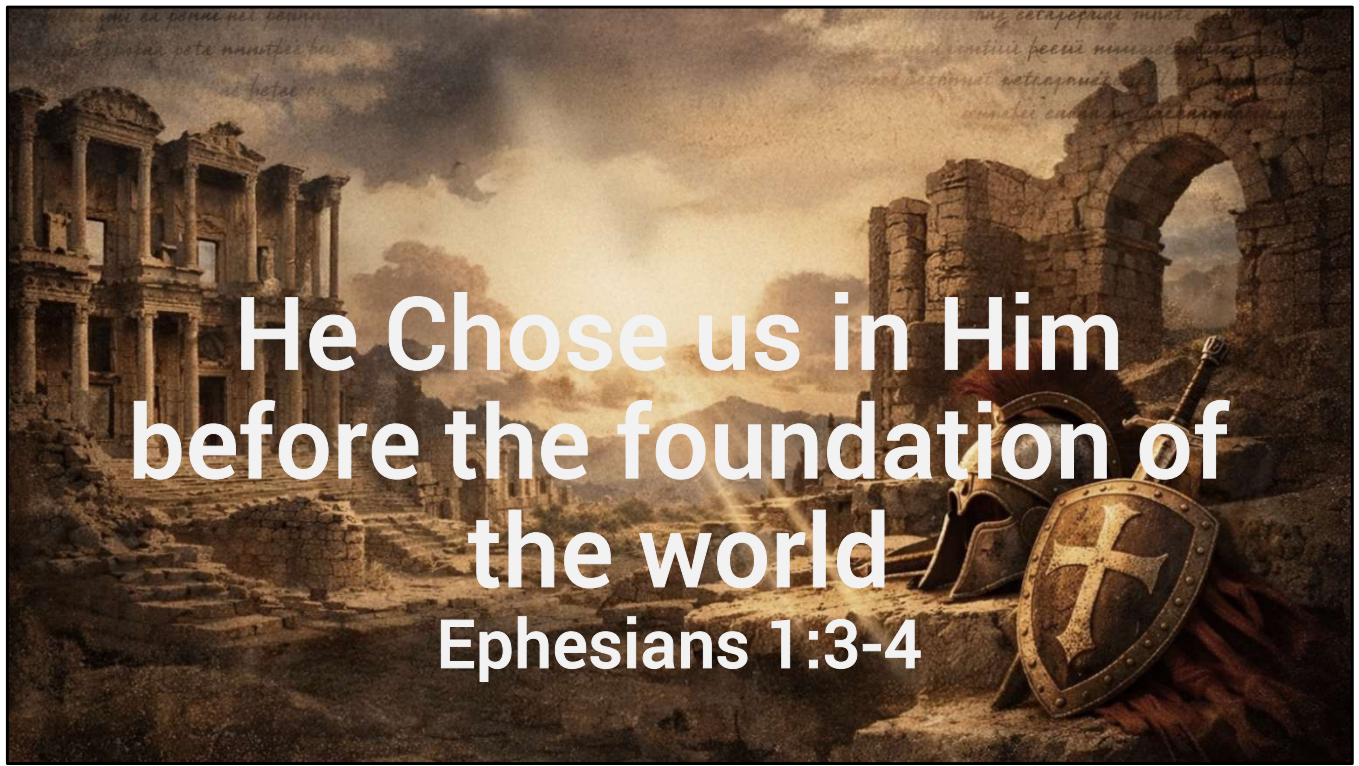




Ephesians

By His Grace and For His Glory!

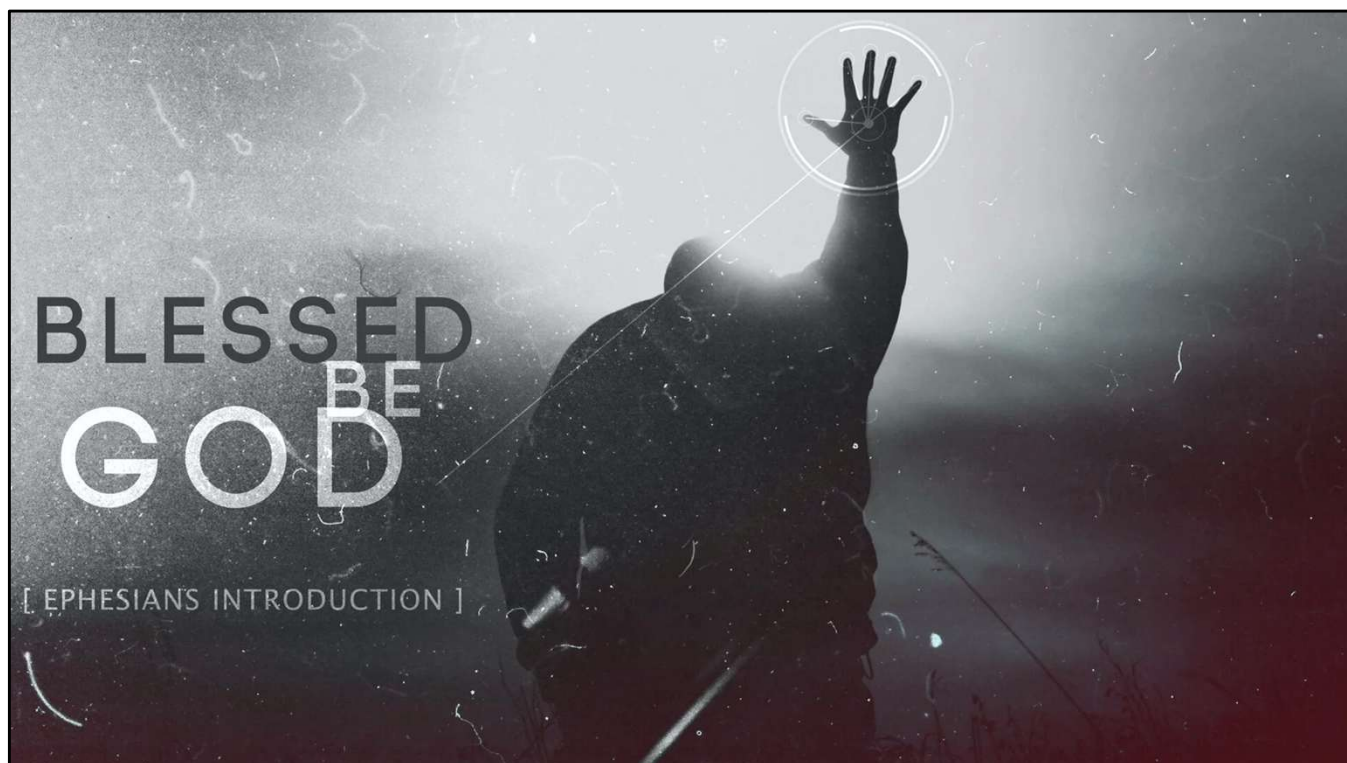


He Chose us in Him before the foundation of the world

Ephesians 1:3-4

Eph.1:3-4

he chose us in him before the foundation of the world



Do you ever think of God as Happy??

He Is happy with His people.

[Mat 25:21 ESV] 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. **Enter into the joy of your master.**'

Do you Eulogize God?!

[Eph 1:12 ESV] 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

[2Co 5:9 ESV] 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

[2Co 10:18 ESV] 18 For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

[1Pe 1:7 ESV] 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Triple Blessed

- Ephesians 1:3 – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
- Eulogeō, Eulogy = to praise, make happy, favor
 - Blessed be the God and Father? God is happy/pleased?!
 - Our Blessings are “In Christ”, more on that later
 - “every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places”

The Father and Son (Jesus) are mentioned, what about the Spirit?

[Eph 1:13 ESV] 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

In Ephesians 1:2 God is the Father of believers; here in verse 3 God is the Father of Christ

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The place of these “blessings” is in the heavenly realms, as opposed to the earthly realm of the Ephesian goddess Artemis. Thus these blessings are spiritual not material, heavenly not earthly, eternal not temporal (2 Cor. 4:18; Col. 3:1–4). Five times Paul used the phrase “in the heavenly realms”: in Ephesians 1:3, 20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12.

Ephesians 1:3 tells much about God’s blessings on believers: (a) *when: eternity past*; (b) *with what: every spiritual blessing*; (c) *where: in the heavenly realms*; (d) *how: in Christ*.

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G2127 - *eulogeō*

Not the same word as the Beatitudes - 3107 - *Makarios*, but same meaning

[Mat 5:3 ESV] 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[Rev 1:3 ESV] 3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

[Rev 22:14 ESV] 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

[2Co 5:9 ESV] 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

[Dan 4:34 ESV] 34 At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;

a verb that means “to speak well of.” In the New Testament it is applied only to God (Mark 14:61; Luke 1:68; Rom. 1:25; 9:5; 2 Cor. 1:3; 11:31; 1 Peter 1:3)

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Ephesians Ch 1:1-2; and 1:3-14 (ESV)

The simplest
introductory
sentence.

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, ... NIV & NET
To the saints who are in Ephesus, **and are [the]** faithful in Christ Jesus:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The deepest, most complex, single sentence in the Bible* (1056 letters into 256 words comprising 12 verses).

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

The longest, Deepest, most complex verse in the Bible. 1056 letters! In 256 words! Found in 12 whole verses!

Ever guilty of run on Sentences??!!!

They usually reflect excitement/joyful and Elaborate truths!!

He chose us, but why?

- Romans 3:10-12 – as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”
- John 15:16 – You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, ...

He chose us 1st –

Jhn 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

[1Jo 4:10, 19 ESV] 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ... 19 We love because he first loved us.

[Jhn 3:19 ESV] 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

[Jhn 3:20 ESV] 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

[Rom 8:7-8 ESV] 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

[Jhn 15:19 ESV] 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

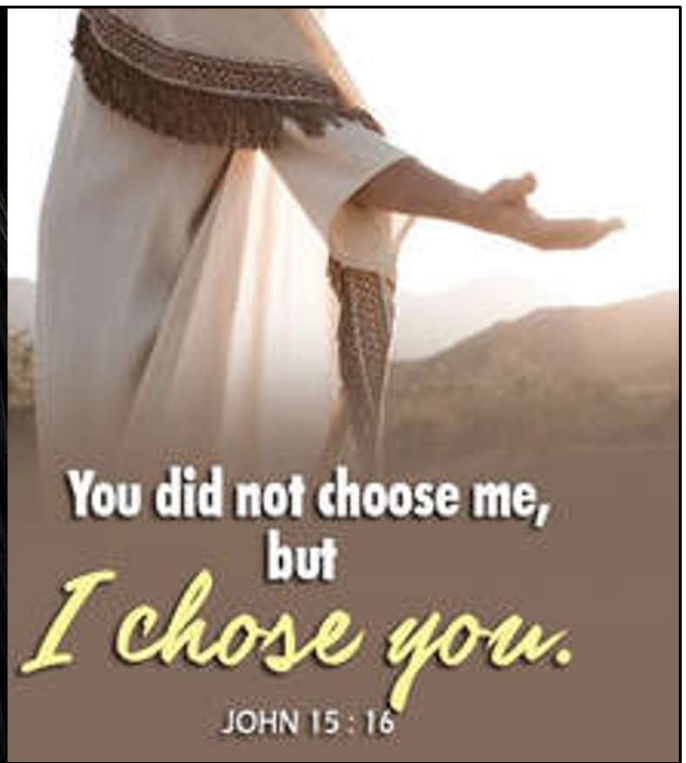
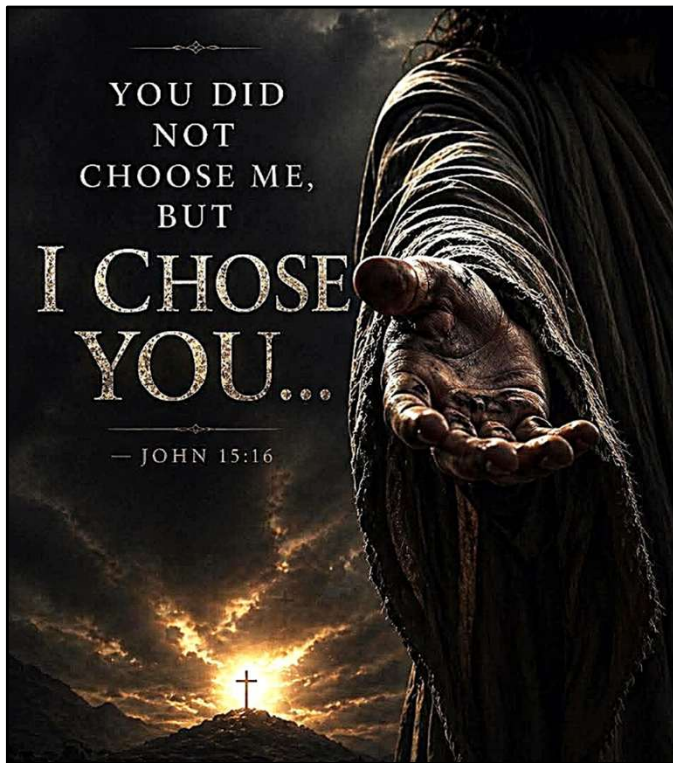
[Jhn 13:18 ESV] 18 I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.'

[Rom 9:11-16, 21 ESV] 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad-- in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls-- 12 she was told, "The older will serve the younger." 13 As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." 14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ... 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

[1Jo 4:10, 19 ESV] 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ... 19 We love because he first loved us.

[Deu 7:6-7 ESV] 6 "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

[Jhn 13:18 ESV] 18 I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.'



The rich man walked away Sad.'
The Religious Self righteous rejected Christ!....

We were each chosen...to be created for God!

- Psalm 139:13-14 – “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”
- “you are about 1 in 400 trillion, you have won the lottery”
- Cosmic Accident or Imago Dei Design? (Acts 17:25-28)
- Your gender, date-of-birth, parents, country, aptitudes, IQ ...

Did you have ANY say in your birth/creation? Did God consult you?
God chose to make YOU!

The Right of Creator/Copyright!

You may have won the Lottery (Entrusted with an incredible gift/stewardship!!!) but don’t gamble it away on riotous living! Gain the world/lose soul?!!

IF you believe in God and that HE is creator. You likely NEVER argued His right to make YOU! You’re mostly glad you are here!

[Mar 8:36 ESV] 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

the results of studies conducted by scientists on the probability of us being born.
Taking into account all the odds of your parents meeting, your ancestors meeting, and many other factors such as wars...
and..... the fact that you were one sperm (out of >4 trillion by your Dad during the years you could’ve been born) that met one egg (out of >100,000 produced by your Mum in a lifetime), they put the odds of you being born at more than...
400 TRILLION to 1!!!

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/probability-being-born_b_877853

[Isa 64:8 ESV] 8 But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

[Psa 139:1-4 ESV] 1 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. O LORD, you have searched me and known me! 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. 3

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

[Psa 139:13-14, 16 ESV] 13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ... 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

[Psa 139:13 ESV] 13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

[Job 10:9-12 ESV] 9 Remember that you have made me like clay; and will you return me to the dust? 10 Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese? 11 You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. 12 You have granted me life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved my spirit.

[Psa 22:9-10 ESV] 9 Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. 10 On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

[Psa 71:6 ESV] 6 Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

[Job 31:15 ESV] 15 Did not he who made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?

[Isa 44:2 ESV] 2 Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

[Jer 1:5 ESV] 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

[Psa 139:14 ESV] 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

[Act 17:25-28 ESV] 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, **since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.** 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 **that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,** 28 for **"In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring."**

[Rev 20:11-12 ESV] 11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

Young woman: At Puberty: When menstruation starts, about 300,000 to 500,000 eggs

remain. During Reproductive Years: Only about 400 to 500 eggs fully mature and release during ovulation.

An average man produces roughly 525 billion sperm cells or more over the course of his lifetime,

Daily production: A healthy adult male produces about **100 million to 300 million** new sperm cells every single day.

Per ejaculation: A single release typically contains between **40 million and 1.2 billion** sperm cells, depending on how recently he last ejaculated.

Men produce **close to a trillion sperm during one lifetime**, during intercourse, more than [50 million of the intrepid swimmers set out](#) to fertilise an egg. Only a few make it to the final destination, before a single sperm wins the race and penetrates the egg.

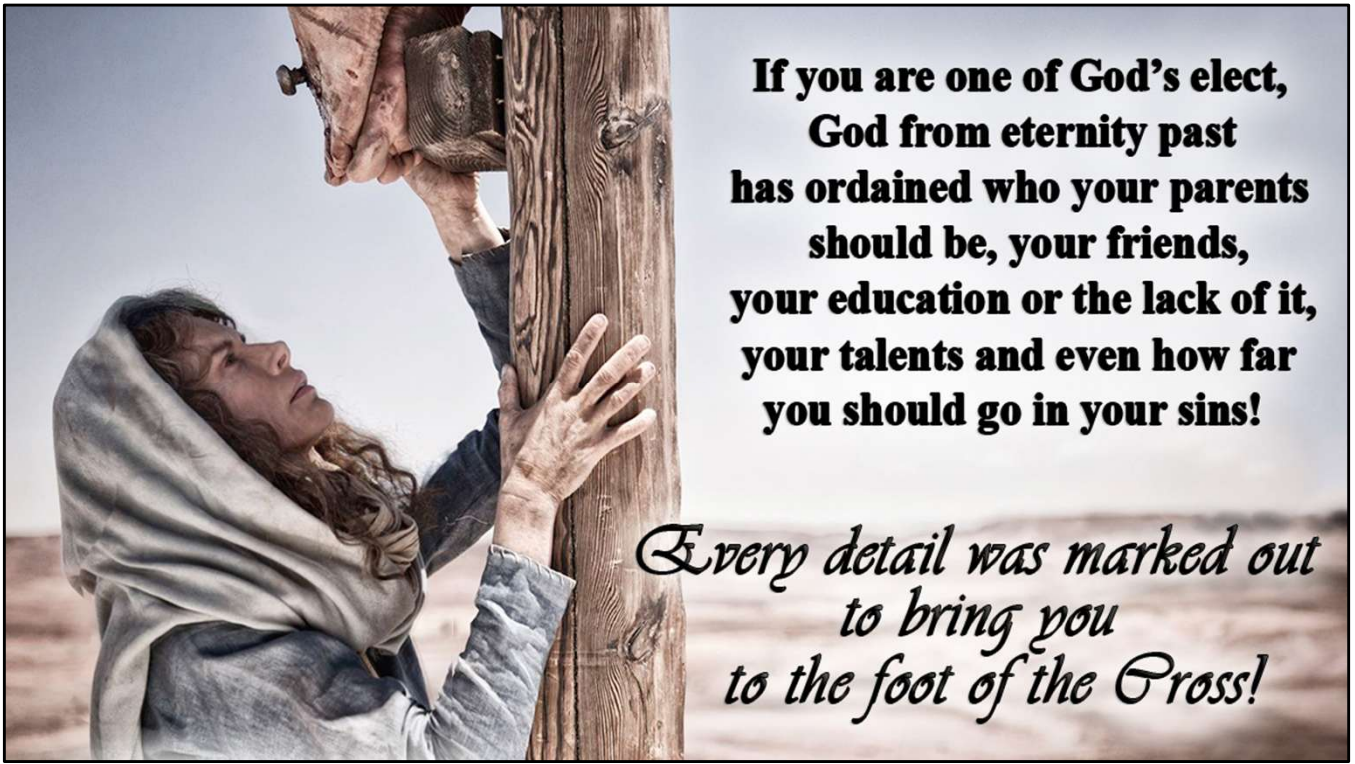
<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20250613-untangling-the-mysteries-of-what-we-dont-know-about-sperm>

Dob date of birth

Sarah had NO Eggs left and Abraham had NO sperm(or means to deliver) – Yet our Savior Came through Isaac!

[Gen 18:11 ESV] 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah.

[Rom 4:19 ESV] 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.



**If you are one of God's elect,
God from eternity past
has ordained who your parents
should be, your friends,
your education or the lack of it,
your talents and even how far
you should go in your sins!**

*Every detail was marked out
to bring you
to the foot of the Cross!*

The God who chose Abram...only one man

- He chose us
 - Deuteronomy 7:7 – the fewest/least (1 Corinthians 1:25-29, 31)
 - God chose Abraham when the flood survivors built Babel!
 - God chose Isaac, Not Ishmeal
 - Romans 9:13 – As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”
 - God chose Joseph to suffer/save! (Genesis 45:5-8)
 - God chose David, Solomon...Mary – Jesus!...

[Isa 51:2 ESV] 2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

[Neh 9:7 ESV] 7 You are the LORD, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham.

Eze 33:24 "Son of man, the inhabitants of these waste places in the land of Israel keep saying, 'Abraham was only one man, yet he got possession of the land; but we are many; the land is surely given us to possess.'

[Deu 7:7 ESV] 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

[Deu 10:15 ESV] 15 Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.

Jos 24:2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods.

[Mal 1:2 ESV] 2 "I have loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How have you loved us?" "Is not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob

[Rom 9:11-12 ESV] 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— 12 she was told, "The older will serve the younger."

[Rom 9:13 ESV] 13 As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

[Gen 25:23 ESV] 23 And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger."

[Gen 45:5-8 ESV] 5 And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two

years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 And **God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God.** He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

[Gen 50:20 ESV] 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

[1Co 1:25-29, 31 ESV] 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 **For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ... 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."**

[Psa 135:4 ESV] 4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.

[Isa 41:8-9 ESV] 8 But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; 9 you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off";

"God did not choose us because of anything good in us. He chose us in spite of us. The reason lies in God's unmerited grace."

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"Unconditional election: that there is no foreseen action or condition met by us that induces God to save us."

R.C. SPROUL

If God chose us because we would chose Him, isn't this merit? He saw something in us lovely? We differentiated ourselves from others. Yet How truly, deeply and lastingly did we choose Him? Did we unchose Him?

Did God see some small spark of goodness, or wisdom or positive in us?

Before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4)

- Before Adam! (He saw the fall!) Before you decided
- Revelation 13:8, 17:8 – everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.
- 2 Timothy 1:9 – who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

[Mat 25:34 ESV] 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

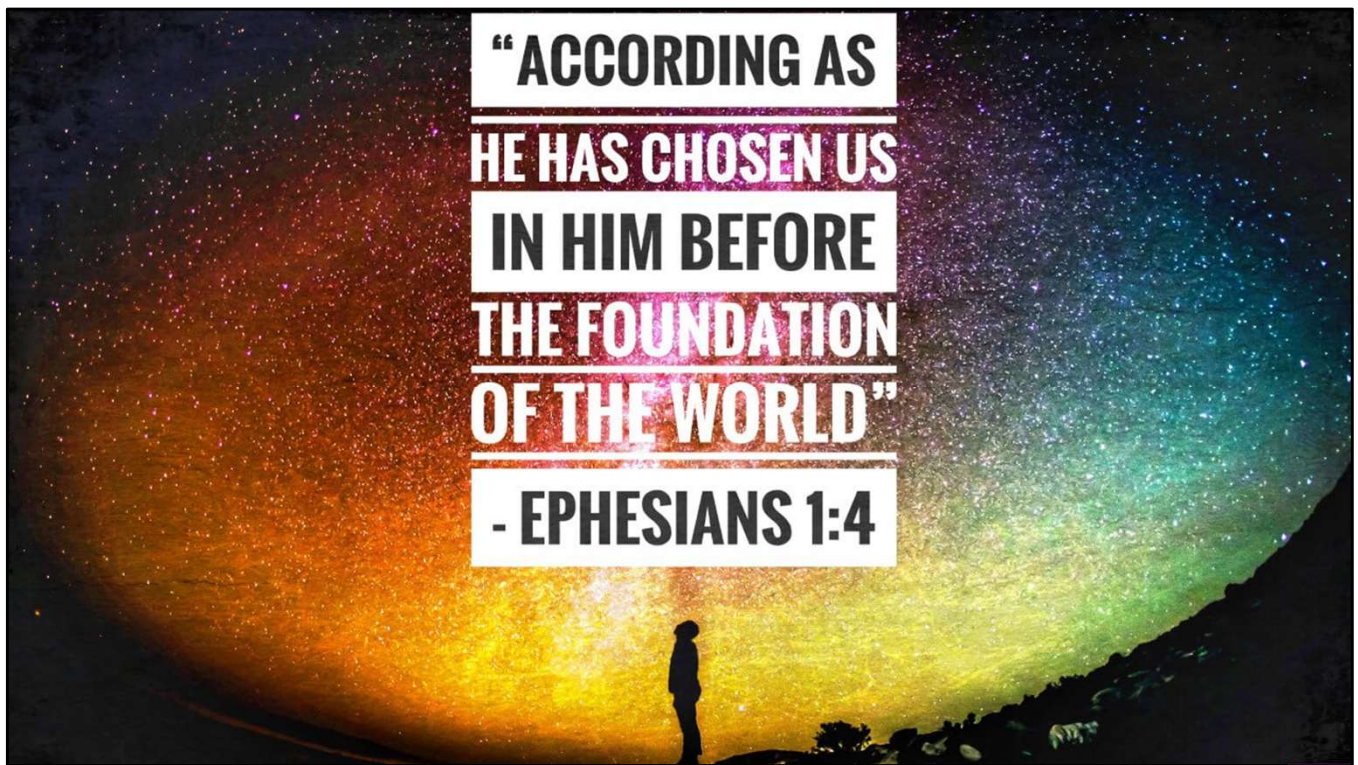
[Jhn 17:24 ESV] 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

[1Pe 1:20 ESV] 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you

[Rev 13:8 ESV] 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

[Rev 17:8 ESV] 8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.

[Tit 1:1-2 ESV] 1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began



[Eph 1:4, 12 ESV] 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ... 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

He has Also chosen us before Himself!
Phil.2

How free is your Will?

- Are addictions incurable? “Slavery to sin” (Romans 6-7)
- Ever say “I don’t know what came over me” (Mark 7:21)
- Ok, so obey! Be anxious for nothing! Be Holy as I am...
- Romans 7:15 – For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.
- Will God hold everyone responsible for every sin? (Revelation 20) What about moms who murder their children?

Once an Addict Always an Addict! 1Cor.6 What you were!
Can Pedophiles change? What about the recidivism rate for ex-cons?

[Mar 7:20-23 ESV] 20 And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

[Mat 12:34 ESV] 34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

[Mat 15:18-19 ESV] 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

[Luk 6:45 ESV] 45 The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

[Phl 4:6 NKJV] 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; (ESV do not be anxious about anything,)

[Rom 7:19, 21-25 ESV] 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ... 21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my

flesh I serve the law of sin.

[Deu 28:54 ESV] 54 The man who is the most tender and refined among you will begrudge food to his brother, to the wife he embraces, and to the last of the children whom he has left,

[Deu 28:56 ESV] 56 The most tender and refined woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because she is so delicate and tender, will begrudge to the husband she embraces, to her son and to her daughter,



IF we are elected because we believe, we Elect Christ first.” Me -And Then He agrees with our good choice! He bows to OUR Will? What Happens IF we change it?
Samuel Rutherford

We do not choose God; God chooses us. Left to Ourselves, We would Never Choose Him! Our natural inclination is to run from God, Not to Seek Him! Rom.3 Sproul

But God Knew! He knew our heart/choices

- Deuteronomy 9:13 – “Furthermore, the LORD said to me, ‘I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stubborn people.
- “Stiff-necked, Stubborn, provoking, Diamond hard hearts, obstinate, your forehead brass (hardheaded)”

[Deu 9:6 ESV] 6 "Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people.

[Eze 20:44 ESV] 44 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I deal with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, declares the Lord GOD."

Deu 9:7 Remember and do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.

Deu 9:8 Even at Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, and the LORD was so angry with you that he was ready to destroy you.

[Deu 9:13 ESV] 13 "Furthermore, the LORD said to me, 'I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stubborn people.

[Deu 10:16 ESV] 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

[Deu 31:27 ESV] 27 For I know how rebellious and stubborn you are. Behold, even today while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD. How much more after my death!

[Exo 32:9 ESV] 9 And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.

[Exo 33:3 ESV] 3 Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people."

[Exo 34:9 ESV] 9 And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

[2Ch 30:8 ESV] 8 Do not now be stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the LORD and come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your God, that

his fierce anger may turn away from you.

[Psa 78:8 ESV] 8 and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

[Isa 48:4 ESV] 4 Because I know that you are obstinate, and your neck is an iron sinew and your forehead brass,

[Eze 2:4 ESV] 4 The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.'

[Zec 7:11-12 ESV] 11 But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. 12 They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts.

[Act 7:51 ESV] 51 "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.

Rejected! So proud of our authority over the Sovereign!

Gen.3 Adam rejected God! Thx Grandpa! (We would've done the same!)

God chose Nation Israel – Exiled! Only a remnant!

God chose Nation of Israel – He came to His own!

Jn.6 - 70 Disciple's were offended, Walked away!

Jn.6 Judas betrayed Jesus!

Hosea and Gomer!

[Deu 9:13 ESV] 13 "Furthermore, the LORD said to me, 'I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stubborn people.

[Jer 13:27 ESV] 27 I have seen your abominations, your adulteries and neighings, your lewd whorings, on the hills in the field. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! How long will it be before you are made clean?"

[Exo 33:3, 5 ESV] 3 Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people." ... 5 For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the people of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among you, I would consume you. So now take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do with you.'"

[Exo 34:9 ESV] 9 And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

[Deu 31:27 ESV] 27 For I know how rebellious and stubborn you are. Behold, even today while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD. How much more after my death!

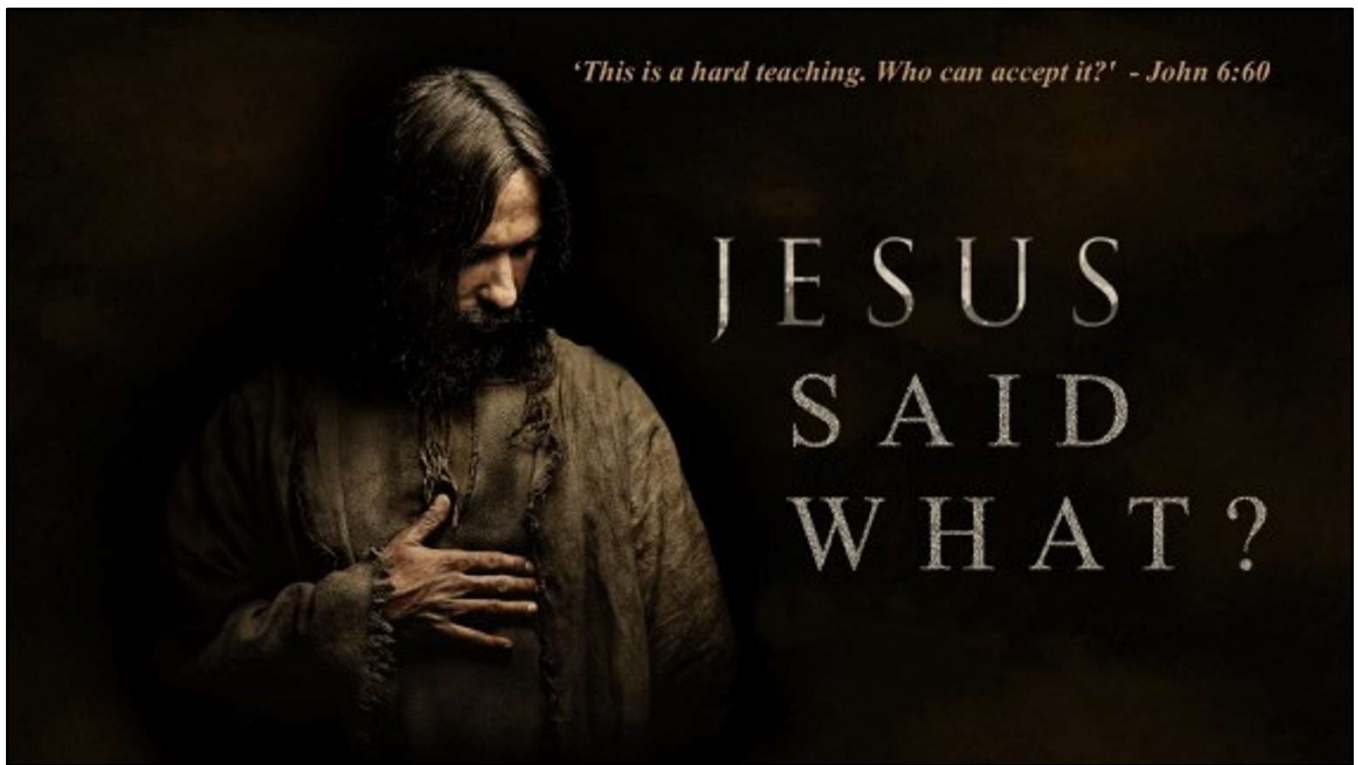
[Isa 48:4 ESV] 4 Because I know that you are obstinate, and your neck is an iron sinew and your forehead brass,

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diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts.

But God Knew! He knew our heart/choices

- John 2:23-25 - ...many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man



'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?' - John 6:60

JESUS SAID WHAT?

Jesus said what?

[Jhn 6:60, 66 ESV] 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ... 66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

John 6

- John 6:60-61, 66 – When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ... After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. (72 – 12)
- John 6:65 – And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

2 statements they hated

Eat my flesh

No MAN CAN COME TO ME UNLESS THE FATHER Draws him!

Then they walked away – as if to show He cant Draw them! Their Pride in their choosing became the breaking and Damning point!

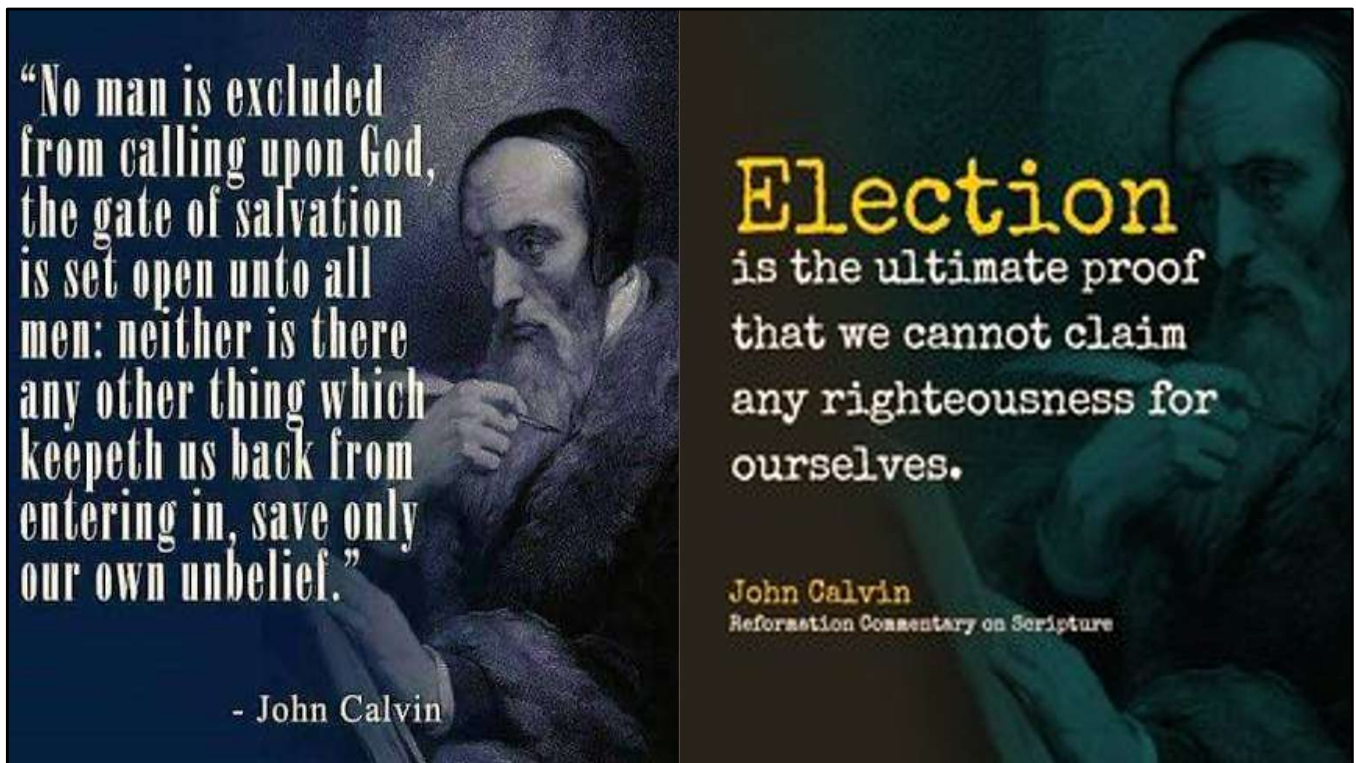
[Luk 10:1 ESV] 1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.

[Luk 10:17 ESV] 17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"

Mar 3:16 He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter);

[Jhn 6:15, 28-29, 34, 41, 44, 52-54, 60-61, 64-71 ESV] 15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ... 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ... 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ... 41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ... 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ... 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ... 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" 61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ... 64 But there are some of you who do not believe."

(For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." 66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." 70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." 71 He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.



You Still Need to call on the Lord, But He drew you to it!

No Man is excluded from calling upon God, the gate of salvation is set open unto all men: Neither is there any other thing which keepeth us back from entering in, save only our own unbelief!!
Calvin (think The Ark!, Tower of Babel, The Chosen people – only a Remnant!...)

Election is the Ultimate proof that we cannot claim any righteousness for ourselves! Calvin!

How/Why would man ever chose Jesus? He Loves his sin instead!!

[Jhn 3:16, 18-20 ESV] 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ... 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

IF He chose us because we chose Him?

- Matthew 16 Jesus praised Peter's choice, then called him Satan! Which of Peter's choices was definitive?
- If our choice is Determinative, can we Un-chose? After?
- Is it merely words that chose? Actions are not choices?!
- Titus 1:16 – "They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work." (Adam and Eve ate fruit"
- Will our "Free will" in Heaven allow us to sin?

Recently there have been DeBaptisms and

Isn't every Sin a Clear choice against God?!! Isn't every adultery personal?

I BELIEVE THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION, BECAUSE I AM QUITE CERTAIN THAT, IF GOD HAD NOT CHOSEN ME, I SHOULD NEVER HAVE CHOSEN HIM; AND I AM SURE HE CHOSE ME BEFORE I WAS BORN, OR ELSE HE NEVER WOULD HAVE CHOSEN ME AFTERWARDS; AND HE MUST HAVE ELECTED ME FOR REASONS UNKNOWN TO ME, FOR I NEVER COULD FIND ANY REASON IN MYSELF WHY HE SHOULD HAVE LOOKED UPON ME WITH SPECIAL LOVE.

CHARLES SPURGEON

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- Charles H. Spurgeon

I believe the doctrine of election, because I am quite certain that, if God had not chosen me, I should never have chosen Him; and I am sure He chose me before I was born, or else He never would have chosen me afterwards; and He must have elected me for reasons unknown to me, for I never could find in myself why He should have looked upon me with special love. So I am forced to accept that great Biblical doctrine. ^[2]

Election "is written in the Word of God as with an iron pen, and there is no getting rid of it."

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It is my hope He will replace my will, for his!

- Heaven will be heaven because God will save us from our “free will, to sin” (It is not actually free, but enslaved) That’s what I’m looking forward to!!
- Many believe God will grant us a partial salvation and a true free will (like Adam) believing that you will make a better choice?! Yet, even the redeemed, knowing the extravagant sacrifice of Jesus, the Power of the indwelling Holy Spirit and innumerable graces, sin willfully daily, and often?!

Amazingly the same people who argue for Mans good and free choice make endless excuses for why they cant obey Jesus!

[Rom 8:11 ESV] 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

[Eph 1:19-20 ESV] 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

[Rom 8:2 ESV] 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

[Rom 6:4-5 ESV] 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



Hosea 1:2, 3:1, 2

Hosea Chose Gomer!

Gomer chose Baals and lovers

Gomer Chose Gomer again and bought her from the Slave market, From her Pimp!

This is a real life story illustrating How God Loves us in spite of our many poor choices!

Jesus Rejected and Rejected! He loved and Loved and Changed us. Sin no more!

Gomer kept wandering, but Grace Kept Finding Her! Rejecting her Rejections!!

[Hos 1:2 ESV] 2 When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD."

Hos 2:2, 5, 13-16, 20, 23 "Plead with your mother, plead-- for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband-- that she put away her whoring from her face, and her adultery from between her breasts; ... 5 For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.' ... 13 And I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals when she burned offerings to them and adorned herself with her ring and jewelry, and went after her lovers and forgot me, declares the LORD. 14 "Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. 15 And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt. 16 "And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me 'My Husband,' and no longer will you call me 'My Baal.' ... 20 I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD. ... 23 and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will

have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"

Hos 3:1-3 And the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins." 2 So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. 3 And I said to her, "You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you."

“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord”

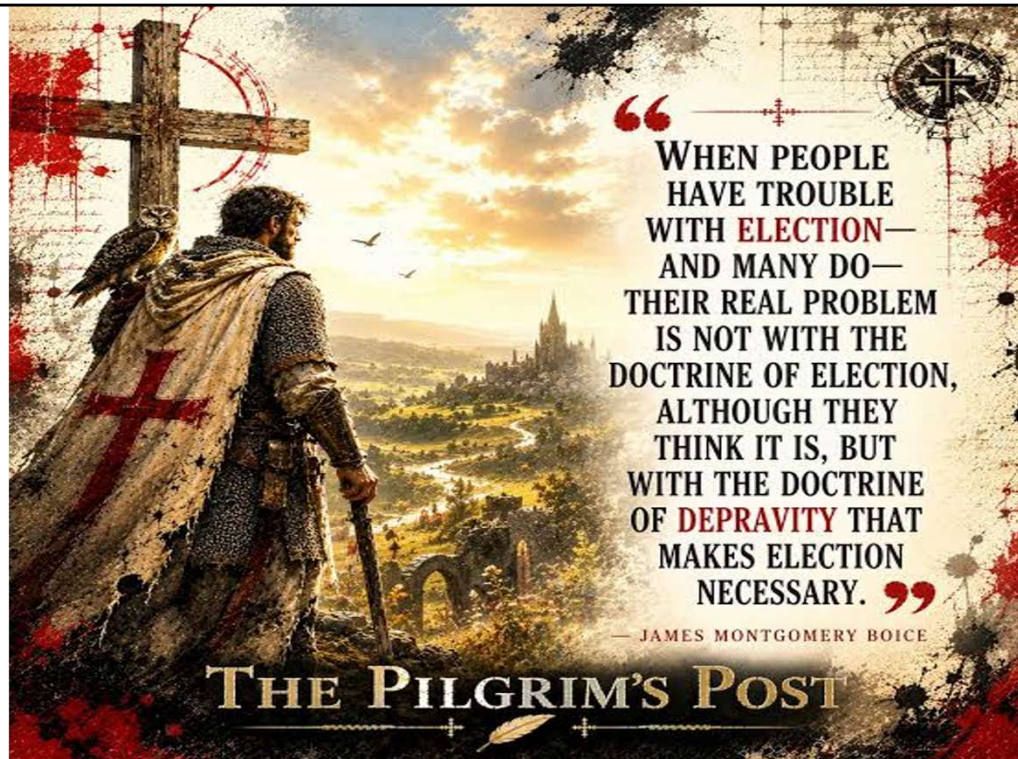
- We don't really believe we are as bankrupt as we are!
- We don't believe God is as good (Holy) as He is!
- We would never love as Much as He has/does!
- We all rejected Jesus and rightly deserve to be damned, yet He chooses to save some of us in spite of us anyway.
- We don't want “Fair”, We Beg for Mercy and Grace!
- Call/beg on the name of the Lord, and be saved!

Our choices are emotional, conditional, temporary and revokable whereas Gods Love Never Fails!

Too often, we judge other groups by their worst examples - while judging ourselves by our best intentions.

“ George Bush

“Too often, we judge others by their worst moments – While judging ourselves by our best passing intentions”



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— JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE

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even as he chose us in him
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Ephesians 1:4



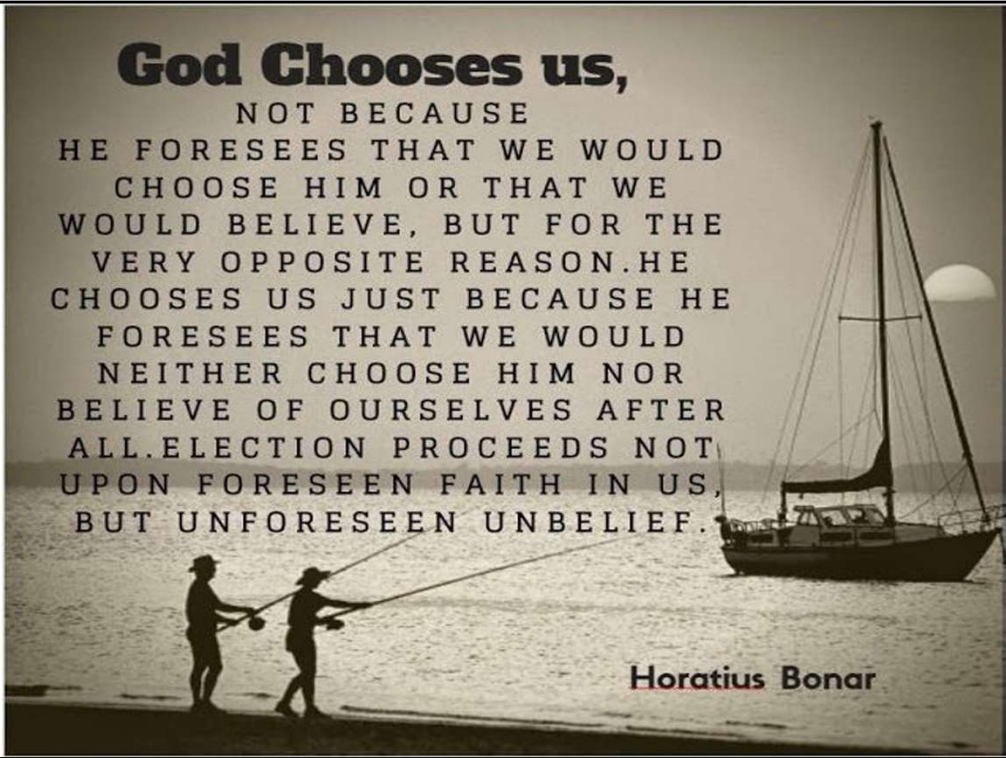
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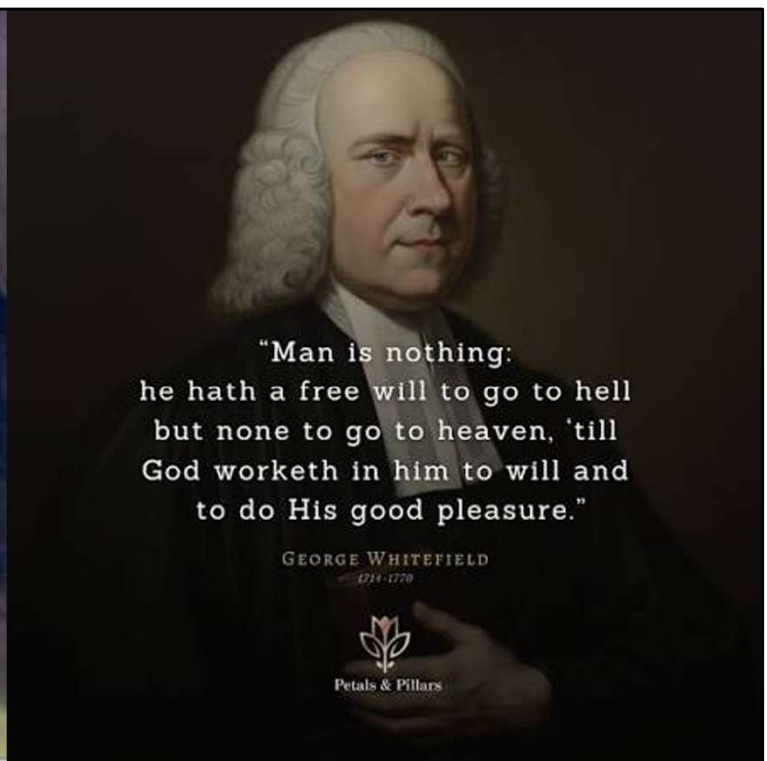
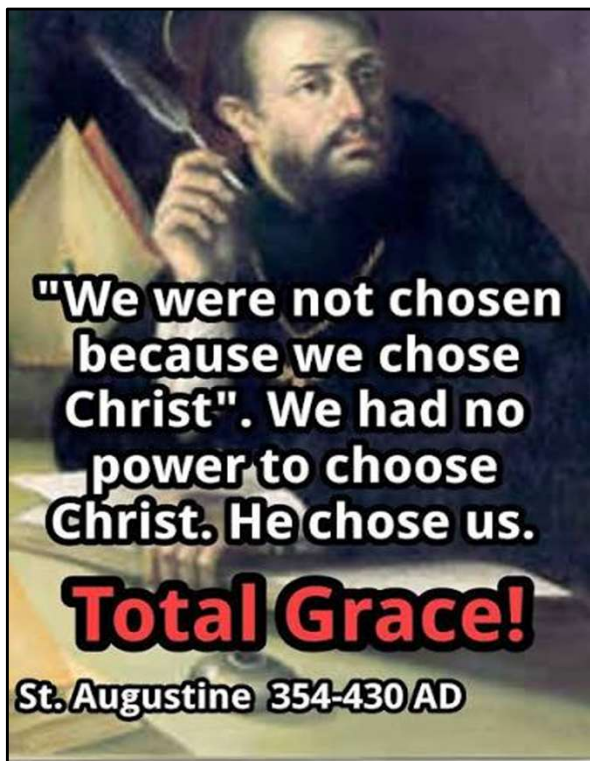
- John Calvin

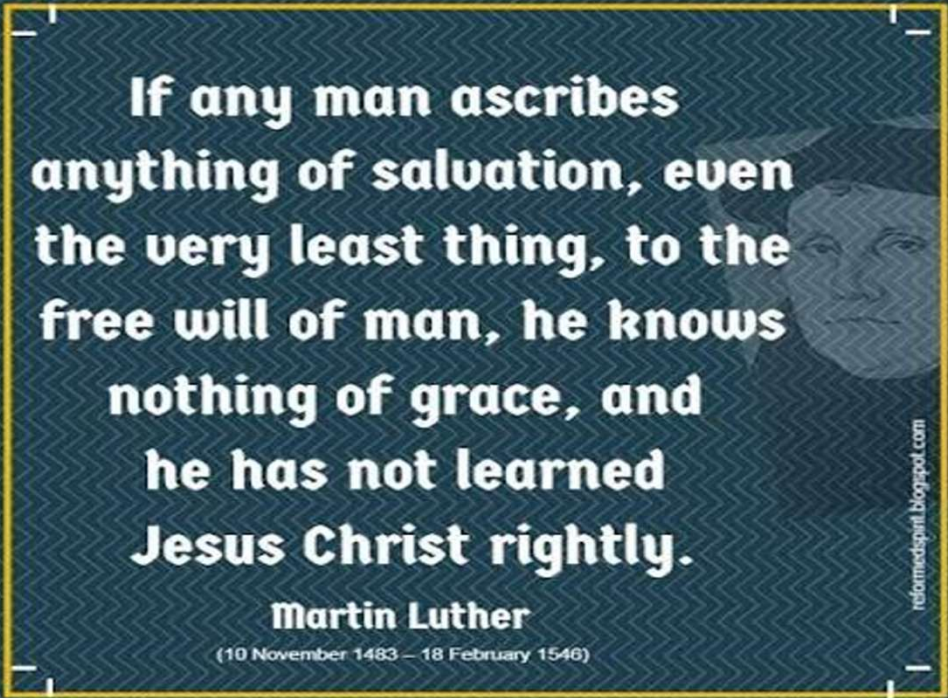
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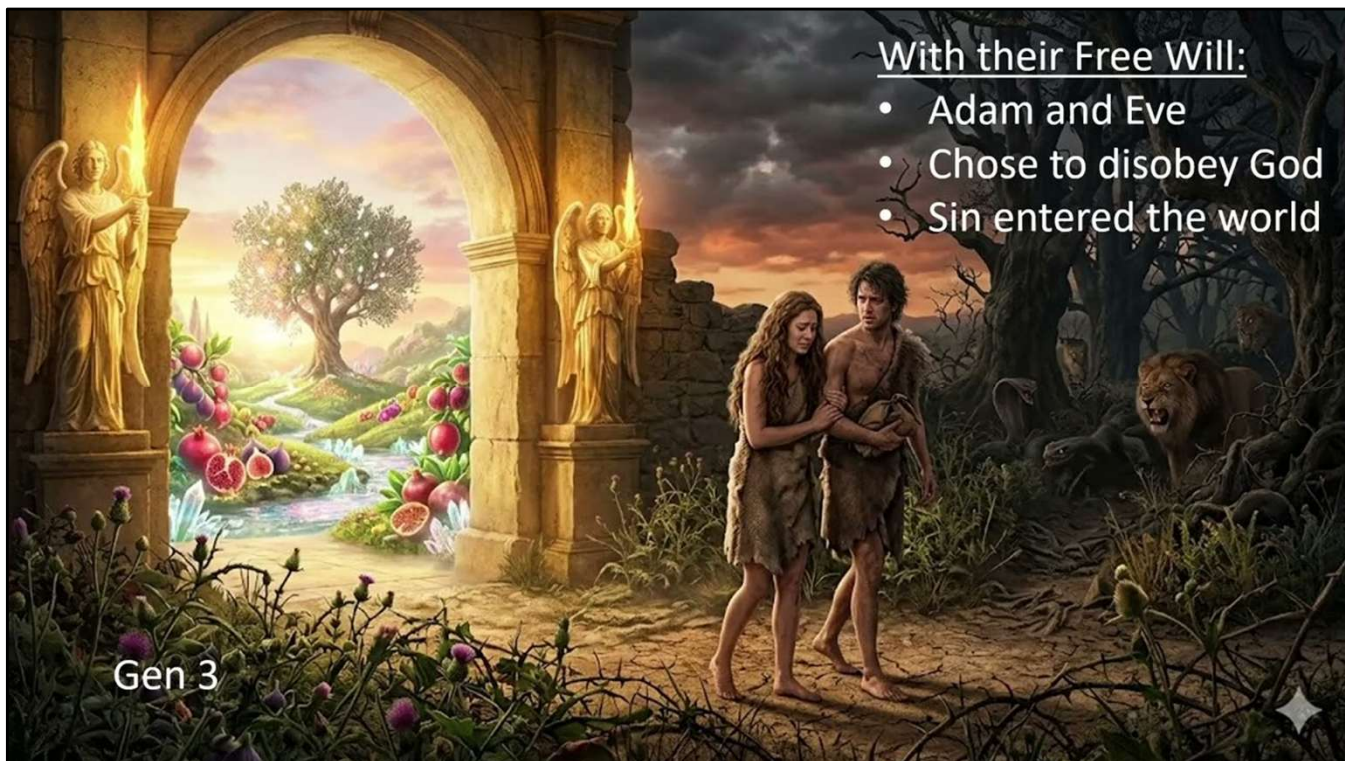


**If any man ascribes
anything of salvation, even
the very least thing, to the
free will of man, he knows
nothing of grace, and
he has not learned
Jesus Christ rightly.**

Martin Luther

(10 November 1483 – 18 February 1546)

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"Free-will doctrine-what does it? It magnifies man into God. It declares God's purposes a nullity, since they cannot be carried out unless men are willing. It makes God's will a waiting servant to the will of man, and the whole covenant of grace dependent on human action. Denying election on the ground of injustice, it holds God to be a debtor to sinners."

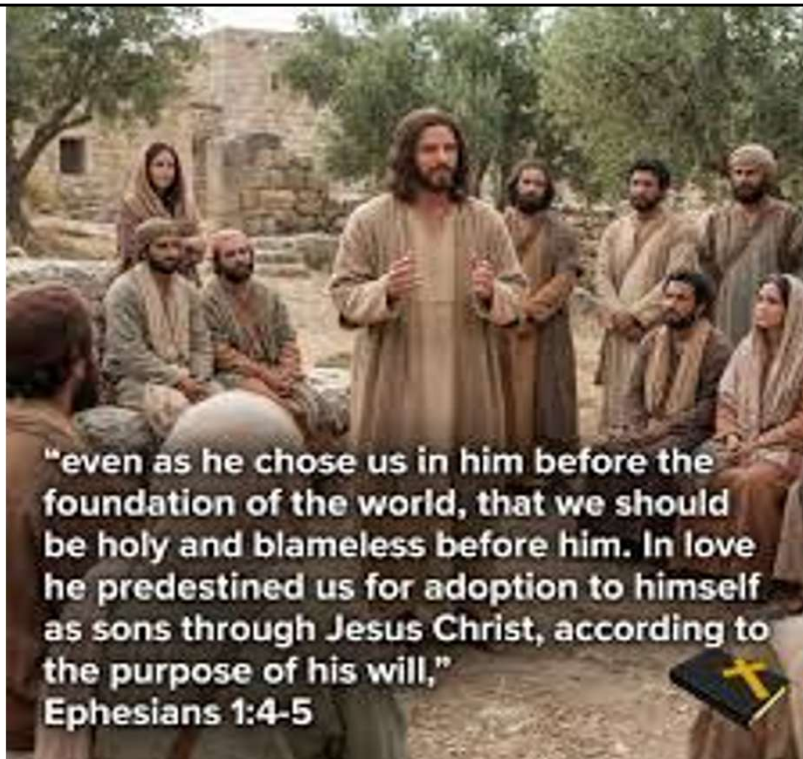
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When Following Gets Hard

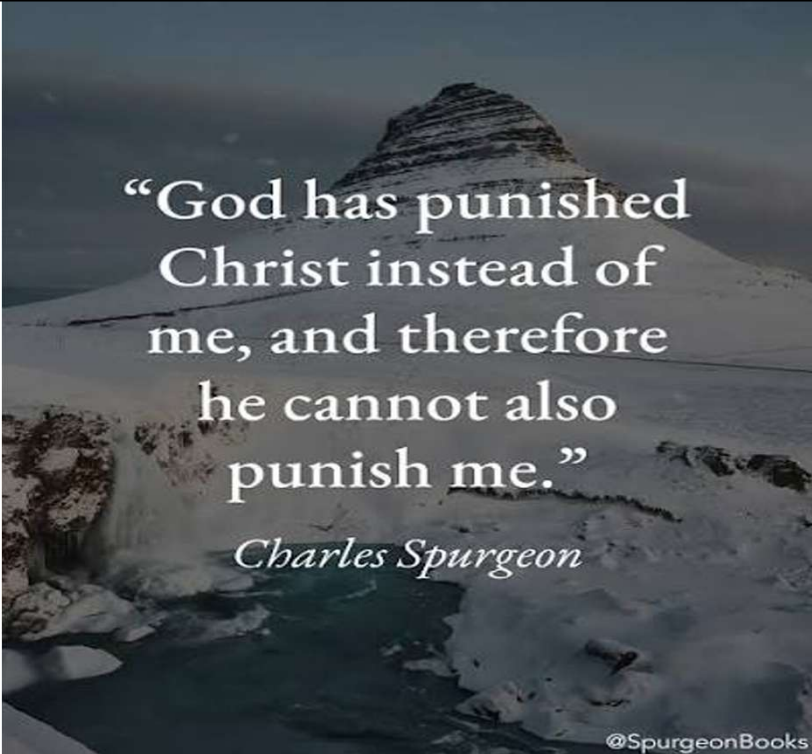
"From that time many of His disciples
went back and walked with Him no more."

[John 6:66]

Faith is shown most when it endures difficulties.



"even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,"
Ephesians 1:4-5



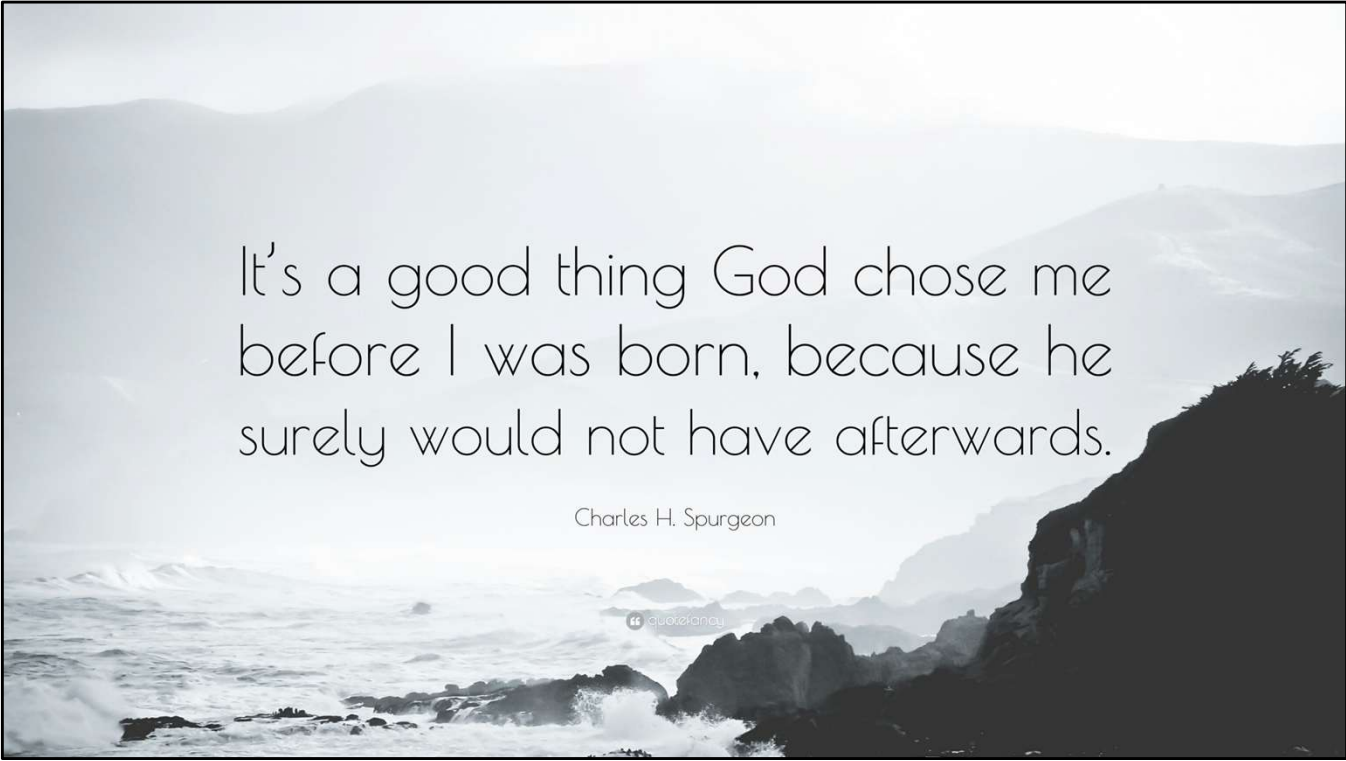
“God has punished
Christ instead of
me, and therefore
he cannot also
punish me.”

Charles Spurgeon

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BEFORE THE FOUNDATION

Pastor Jim & Katy Langlois



It's a good thing God chose me
before I was born, because he
surely would not have afterwards.

Charles H. Spurgeon

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