



## **Sermon Points**

**Week 2 - 9.25.22 | Tyler Wilson**

**Title: Chosen for Adoption**

**Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-6**

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Main Point: Those who trust Jesus experience the glorious reality of having God as their father, being chosen for adoption totally by grace.

### **Examples of God choosing his people:**

#### God Chose Israel

[Deu 7:6-9 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, (8) but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. (9) Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Other references - Ex. 19:4-6, Deut. 4:37, Deut. 10:15, 14:2, 1 Chr. 16:13, Neh. 9:7, Ps. 47:4, Ps. 105:6, , Ps. 105:43, Ps. 106:5, Ps. 135:4, Is. 41:8-9, 44:1, 45:4, 49:7 Is. 65:9, 15, 22, Ezek. 20:5, Acts 13:17

#### Jesus Chose Disciples

[Jhn 6:70 ESV]

(70) Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil."

[Jhn 15:16, 19 ESV]

(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. ... (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.

Other references - John 13:18, Acts 1:2, 9:15

### God Chose to save people

[1Th 1:4 ESV]

(4) For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,

[Col 3:12 ESV]

(12) Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

[Act 13:48 ESV]

(48) And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

[1Pe 2:9 ESV]

(9) But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

other references - Matt. 24:22, 24, 31, Luke 18:7, Rom. 8:33, Rom. 9:11-16, Rom. 11:5, Rom. 16:13, 1 Cor. 1:27-28, James 2:5, 2 Pet. 1:10, 2 Tim. 2:10, Rev. 17:14

### More Examples:

[Jhn 6:37, 44 ESV]

(37) All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ... (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.

[Rom 8:29-30 ESV]

(29) For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (30) And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

[Rev 13:8 ESV]

(8) and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

### **Common Objections:**

Objection #1 - **Evangelism & Prayer:** "Why pray for people and tell them about Jesus - if God's going to save them he's going to save them."

- [Act 18:9-10 ESV] (9) And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, (10) for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people."
- [Rom 10:13-14 ESV] (13) For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (14) How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Objection #2 - **Humility:** "Won't this create pride and arrogant thinking of 'We're the chosen ones'?"

- [Eph 2:8-9 ESV] (8) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (9) not a result of works, **so that no one may boast.**

Objection #3 - **Holiness:** "Doesn't this demotivate a pursuit of holiness? People will think since they're chosen that they don't have to care about how they live?"

- [Rom 8:29 ESV] (29) For those whom he foreknew he also predestined **to be conformed to the image of his Son**, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Objection #4 - **Fairness:-** "How can God be fair and do this?"

- [Rom 9:14-16 ESV] (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.

Objection #5 - **Human Responsibility**: “Doesn’t this take away ‘free will’ - how can God do that and still hold us responsible for sin?”

- [Rom 9:20 ESV] (20) But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?"
- [Eph 2:8-9 ESV] (8) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (9) not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

There comes a point where we reach our limitation and must simply be okay with some mystery to God being God - to affirm what the Bible affirms, stop trying to figure the rest of the details out, and start worshiping.

[Eph 1:5 ESV]

(5) he predestined us for **adoption** to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

- Adoption means:
  - 1 - You get a family
  - 2 - You get a future
  - 3 - You get a father

[Jhn 1:12 ESV] (12) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

How do you relate to God? As a father or as something else?

**Pictures of imperfect earthly fathers we project onto God:**

- **Abusive** - Angry, controlling, manipulative.
  - Problem: Difficult seeing God as safe, secure, comforting and loving.
- **Aloof** - Cold, emotionless, stoic, uninterested.
  - Problem: Difficult seeing God as affectionate, understanding, engaged, and caring.
- **Authoritarian** - Strict, disciplinarian, demanding, rules over relationship.
  - Problem: Difficult seeing God as joyful, compassionate, sacrificial or personal.
- **Anemic** - Weak, passive, lazy, unwise.
  - Problem: Difficult seeing God as strong, leader, wise and worth following.
- **Absent** - Distant, busy, distracted, unengaged.
  - Problem: Difficult seeing God as present, interested, personal, and faithful.
- **Accusing** - Critical, negative, accusatory, judgmental.

- Problem: Difficult seeing God as accepting, gracious, defender, pleased.

Our 1st blessing of salvation - we get **God** as our Father!

**[Eph 1:5-6 ESV] (5) he predestined us for adoption to himself 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.**

Invitation to Salvation - Have you received this saving grace of adoption?

Invitation to God's Fatherhood - Do you understand your sonship and personally know your Father?

Invitation to Praise - Are you thanking God and celebrating His spectacular grace in adopting you?