

Chosen by God, Part 3

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Peter 1:1-2.

B. It has always been God's pattern to choose.

C. Believers may not be the chosen of the world, but they are the chosen by God's standard.

II. Condition of our election: we do not belong in this world.

III. Source of our election: the foreknowledge of God—a predetermined relationship.

IV. Sphere of our election: the sanctifying work of the Spirit.

V. The purpose of our election: that we might obey Jesus Christ.

A. We have been made for good works. (Ephesians 2:10)

B. Salvation is a life of obedience. The true doctrine of salvation is conforming to godliness.

C. Godliness is evidence of election. (1 Thessalonians 1:4)

1. Obeying the Word of God.

2. The Spirit's conviction.

3. The sufficiency of Christ.

4. Marks of a new nature.

5. Resistance against the old nature.

6. Confession of transgressions.

7. Cultivation of Christian graces.

VI. The security of our election.

A. Salvation led to obedience and being sprinkled by the blood.

B. Moses was making a promise of obedience by sprinkling blood on the people. (Exodus 24:3; Hebrews 9:19, 24)

C. In the death of Christ, there was bound a covenant of obedience provided. (Acts 5:32, Romans 6:17)

VII. The advantage of our election.

A. There are tremendous blessings in election.

1. It produces humility.
2. It is God-exalting. (Psalm 110:3)
3. It is joy producing. (Romans 9:29, Psalm 65:4)
4. It is privilege granting. (Ephesians 1; 2:9)
5. It is holiness promoting. (Colossians 3:12)
6. It is strength giving.

Application Questions:

1. What is the relationship between election and obedience? Explain.

2. What is the significance of the sprinkling of the blood?

3. Why is there joy in election?
