

PREVAILING LOVE

A STUDY ON DIVINE PREDESTINATION



Aim:

Enlarge and humble our hearts to stand in greater awe of God and rejoice more intently in His love.

CHOSEN IN AND FOR CHRIST

An Introduction to **Divine Election**

Compatibilism

- God is **absolutely sovereign** (God's will rules)
- Human beings are **morally responsible** for what they voluntarily desire (the will worships)
- God's sovereignty and man's responsibility are **compatible**

He **chose** us in him before the
foundation of the world

Ephesians 1:4



I call heaven and earth to
witness against you today,
that I have set before you life
and death, blessing and curse.

Therefore **choose** life
Deuteronomy 30:19

Both are true but can only fit together one way.



The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.

Proverbs 16:9

Divine **Election**

"The question of individual election has led more people to read Scripture for what they want to find (rather than to listen to Scripture for what they are afraid to hear) than virtually any other theological issue."

Paul Jewett

Key Words

- **Elect, chosen, choose** (verb)
 - Occurs 22 times. God the Father (10), God the Son (7)
 - Mary "good portion"; Pharisees "places of honor"; congregation "Stephen", "men to send" (2x)
- **Elect, election, chosen** (noun)
 - Occurs 7 times. Always of God's choice in the NT
- **Elect, chosen, choice, precious** (adjective)
 - Occurs 22 times. All related to relationship with God.

Verb

ἐκλέγω — elect, chosen, choose

And when day came, he called his disciples and **chose**
from them twelve, whom he named apostles.

Luke 6:13

Jesus answered them, “Did I not **choose** you, the twelve?
And yet one of you is a devil.”

John 6:70

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.'

John 13:18

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.

John 15:16

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.

John 15:19

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had **chosen**.

Acts 1:1–2

And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he **chose**, he shortened the days.

Mark 13:20

And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my
Son, my **Chosen One**; listen to him!”

Luke 9:35

And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have **chosen.**”

Acts 1:24

The God of this people Israel **chose** our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it.

Acts 13:17

And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a **choice** among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.”

Acts 15:7

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; God **chose** what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

1 Corinthians 1:27–28

Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God **chosen** those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

James 2:5

Even as he **chose** us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Ephesians 1:4

Noun

ἐκλογή — a special choice, selection, election

What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The **elect** obtained it, but the rest were hardened.

Romans 11:7

And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 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—

Romans 9:10–11

As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards **election**, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

Romans 11:28

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and **election**, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

2 Peter 1:10

But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a **chosen**
instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles
and kings and the children of Israel.”

Acts 9:15

So too at the present time there is a remnant,
chosen by grace.

Romans 11:5

For we know, brothers loved by God,
that he has **chosen** you.

1 Thessalonians 1:4

Adjective

ἐκλεκτός — choice, select, excellent, precious

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the **elect** angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.

1 Timothy 5:21

Greet Rufus, **chosen** in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.

Romans 16:13

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are **elect**
exiles of the Dispersion ...

1 Peter 1:1

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God **chosen** and precious.

1 Peter 2:4

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.

1 Peter 2:9

The elder to the **elect** lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth.

The children of your **elect** sister greet you.

They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and **chosen** and faithful.

Revelation 17:14

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his **Chosen One!**”

Luke 23:35

And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the **elect**, whom he chose, he shortened the days.

Mark 13:20

For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the **elect**.

Matthew 24:24

And then he will send out the angels and gather his **elect**
from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the
ends of heaven.

Mark 13:27

And will not God give justice to his **elect**, who cry to him
day and night? Will he delay long over them?

Luke 18:7

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Romans 8:33

Put on then, as God's **chosen ones**, holy and beloved,
compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and
patience.

Colossians 3:12

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the **elect**,
that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ
Jesus with eternal glory.

2 Timothy 2:10

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.

Titus 1:1

Types of Election

- Corporate
- Privilege, Office, Service
- Christ
- Redemption

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has **chosen** as his heritage!

Psalm 33:12

For the LORD has **chosen** Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.

Psalm 135:4

“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. 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.

Deuteronomy 7:6–7

As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards **election**, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Romans 11:28–29

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. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9–10

For the LORD your God has **chosen** him out of all your tribes to stand and minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for all time.

Deuteronomy 18:5

Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come forward, for the LORD your God has **chosen** them to minister to him and to bless in the name of the LORD, and by their word every dispute and every assault shall be settled.

Deuteronomy 21:5

Did I **choose** him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? I gave to the house of your father all my offerings by fire from the people of Israel.

1 Samuel 2:28

‘Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I **chose** no city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there. But I chose David to be over my people Israel.’

1 Kings 8:16

you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD
your God will **choose**. One from among your brothers
you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner
over you, who is not your brother.

Deuteronomy 17:15

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.

John 15:16

But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a **chosen**
instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles
and kings and the children of Israel.”

Acts 9:15

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my **chosen**, in whom
my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will
bring forth justice to the nations.

Isaiah 42:1

“Behold, my servant whom I have **chosen**, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

Matthew 12:18

And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!”

Luke 9:35

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his **Chosen One!**”

Luke 23:35

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God **chosen** and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:
“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone **chosen** and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

1 Peter 2:4–6

When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you **choose** and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Psalms 65:3–4

Principles of Election

- **Sovereign**
- **Eternal**
- Presupposes the **Fall**
- **Personal**
- **In Christ**
- **In Love**

Sovereign

For we know, brothers loved by God,
that **he has chosen you**

1 Thessalonians 1:4

And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 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—

Romans 9:10–13

So then it depends not on human will or exertion,
but on God, who has mercy.

Romans 9:16

He chose us ... 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

Ephesians 1:4, 11

Eternal

Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Ephesians 1:4

And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.

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Presupposes the Fall

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, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:4–6

So too at the present time there is a remnant,
chosen by grace.

Romans 11:5

Personal

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, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:4–6

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

Ephesians 1:7–9

as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 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, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:10–12

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. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 8:29–30

For many are called, but few are chosen.

Matthew 22:14

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

Romans 9:6–8

In Christ

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, 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, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. **In him** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Ephesians 1:3–7

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Ephesians 1:11

In Love

“Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

Matthew 12:18

“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. 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,

Deuteronomy 7:6–7

And because he loved your fathers and chose their
offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with
his own presence, by his great power,

Deuteronomy 4:37

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.

Deuteronomy 10:15

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

1 Thessalonians 1:4

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you,
brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as
the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the
Spirit and belief in the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

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Ephesians 1:4–5

Purposes of Election

- Glory of God
- Redemption
- Sanctification
- Christlikeness
- Comfort
- Confidence
- Joy
- Evangelism