

"Predestined"

1 Thessalonians & 2 Thessalonians

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"he predestined us for adoption 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 1:5-6, ESV)

God Has Predestined His Children Not To Wrath But For Salvation Through Jesus Christ, (vs. 5: 9)

- I. We must pay much closer attention to what we believe about God's work of salvation, (vs. 1: 1 – 3: 13)
 - A. God's choice of His children for salvation is manifest in real-life terms, (vs. 1: 1 – 10)
 - The reality is that you were chosen by God specifically for salvation, (vs. 4 – 5a)
 - A. God's choice of His people is a "knowable" thing, (vs. 4); *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 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 8:28-30, ESV)
 - B. God's choice is "knowable" because it materially changes the person, (vs. 5a); *"Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power."* (1 Corinthians 4:18-20, ESV)

- B. God's choice of His children for salvation results in correctness & purity, (vs. 2: 1 - 20)
 - C. God's choice of His children for salvation motivates believers to see God's work in others, (vs. 3: 1 - 13)
- II. We must pay much closer attention to how we put into practice what we say we believe, (vs. 4: 1 - 5: 28)
- A. The revelation of God requires that His children live in holiness & purity not lustful passions, (vs. 4: 1 - 12)
 - B. The revelation of God requires that His children be informed about the reality of the last day, (vs. 4: 13 - 5: 11)
 - C. The revelation of God requires that His children are found blameless at the Lord's return, (vs. 5: 12 - 28)
- III. We must pay much closer attention to why we must live with self discipline under God's word, (2 Ths. 1: 1-3: 18)
- A. The wrath of God is a very present reality for those who do not believe the gospel, (vs. 1: 1 - 12)
 - B. The wrath of God is a very present reality governed by the ordained decrees of God, (vs. 2: 1 - 17)
 - C. The wrath of God is a very present reality that must be avoided even in its temporal aspects, (vs. 3: 1 - 18)