

Predestination - Questions and Answers

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 16

Ephesians 1:4-6

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Blessed *is* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ, ⁴ because ¹ He chose us *to be* in Him before the foundation of the world, *for* us to be holy and blameless before Him in love, ⁵ predestining us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto Himself, in accord with the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ unto the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved One,... [DJP]

Introduction: eight sermons on vv. 3-6

I. Fourteen Reasons Election and Predestination Must Be Unconditional

A. Verse 4

1. “Chose”
 - a. Identity of the chooser
 - b. Meaning of the verb “chose”
 - c. Meaning of the verb’s voice
 - d. Meaning of the verb’s mood
2. “In Him”
3. “Before the foundation of a world”
4. “*for us to be* holy and blameless”
5. “in love”

B. Verse 5

1. “Predestining”
2. “adoption as sons through Jesus Christ”
3. “according to the good pleasure of *His* will”

C. Verse 6

1. To His praise
2. Glory of His grace
3. Graced us in Christ

D. Summary of the Summary ☺

II. Questions and Answers

A. About _____

1. First question: Is no response called for, no choice, no decision, nothing?

¹ Or *for*, or *just as*.

2. Second question: Does man not have free will?

Daniel 4:35

Jer. 17:9

Rom. 8:7

Eph. 2:1-3

Rom. 6:17

1 Cor. 2:14

Eph. 4:18

3. But people *do* accept Christ – how does that happen?

John 3:3

Acts 13:48b

Cor 1:30-31

John 6:37, 44-45

Acts 16:14 1

Eph. 2:1, 4

4. Two questions about the elect and salvation

John 6:37

John 6: 44-45

1 Thessalonians 1:4–5

Romans 8:7

B. About _____ (1 Timothy 1)

C. About Evangelism