

"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 God's grace in salvation stations believers on the front line, not evacuated, (vs. 10)
 1. God's grace in the gospel is a duty station assigned to the believer, (vs. 10a); *"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths." (2 Timothy 4:1-4, ESV)*
 2. God's grace in the gospel is the bulwark of defense the believer can trust, (vs. 10b); *"Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life." (Romans 5:9-10, 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)