

Predestination:

Do We Choose God or Does God Choose Us?



Getting Started

Who Cares?

Where do we get these questions?

The Bible on predestination

The purpose behind these words

Misunderstandings

It's not _____.

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Now Wait Just a Minute!

That would mean that we do not have a _____ in our salvation.

That would mean that our choices are not real _____.

That would mean that we are just _____.

That would mean that some people never had a _____.

That would mean that God is _____.

That would mean that God really does not want to

_____.

Scriptures on Election and Predestination

Acts 13:48

When the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced and honored the word of the Lord, and all who had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Romans 8:28-30

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; and those he justified, he also glorified.

Romans 9:11-13

For though her sons had not been born yet or done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to election might stand— ¹²not from works but from the one who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³As it is written: "I have loved Jacob, but I have hated Esau."

Romans 11:7

What then? Israel did not find what it was looking for, but the elect did find it. The rest were hardened,

Ephes. 1:4-6

For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him. ⁵He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he lavished on us in the Beloved One.

Ephes. 1:12

So that we who had already put our hope in Christ might bring praise to his glory.

1 Thes. 1:4-5

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, in the Holy Spirit, and with full assurance. You know how we lived among you for your benefit.

2 Thes. 2:13

But we ought to thank God always for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God has chosen you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

1 Tim. 5:21

I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels to observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing out of favoritism.

2 Tim. 1:9-10

He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. ¹⁰This has now been made evident through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who has abolished death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

1 Peter 1:1

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ:

To those chosen, living as exiles dispersed abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, chosen

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Rev. 13:7-8

And it was permitted to wage war against the saints and to conquer them. It was also given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. ⁸All those who live on earth will worship it, everyone whose name was not written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered.

Rev. 17:8

The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up from the abyss and go to destruction. Those who live on the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast that was, and is not, and is to come.