

Ephesians 1:1-6

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) 1:1 Pauls' credentials were not because of his academic training, but because he was an apostle of Christ.
- 2) 1:2 Because we have grace from God, we can have peace with God.
- 3) In the original Greek, verses 3–14 are one sentence that encompasses the past, the present, and the future of God's eternal purpose for the church.
 - Past—Election (1:3–6a)
 - Present—Redemption (1:6b–11)
 - Future—Inheritance (1:12–14)
- 4) 1:3 Nothing is more appropriate for the people of God than to bless Him for His limitless goodness.
- 5) 1:3 When we bless God, we speak good of Him. When God blesses us, He transfers good to us.
- 6) 1:3 The believer's need is not to receive something more, but to do something more with what he has already been given.
- 7) 1:3 The key to living as a heavenly citizen while living in an unheavenly situation is walking by the Spirit.
- 8) 1:4 Though 'election' is an incomprehensible truth to our finite thinking, it is one of the most repeated truths in Scripture.
- 9) 1:5 God's sovereign election and man's exercise of responsibility seem opposite and irreconcilable truths. The danger in attempting to reconcile these two objectives always ends in compromising one truth in favor of the other.
- 10) 1:5 Salvation begins with God, not with man.

GREEK WORDS

Apostolos—sent one

Eulogeoō—(eulogy); message of praise and commendation, declaration of a person's goodness

Pneumatikos—(spiritual); always used in relation to the work of the Holy Spirit

Amōmos—(blameless); without blemish, or spotless

Helkuō—(draws); idea of an irresistible force; used in ancient Greek literature of a desperately hungry man being drawn to food

4 ...*He chose us in Him*

1st - received the blessing of ***being chosen***

4 ...*that we would be holy and blameless*

2nd -THE 'choosing' makes us ***holy and blameless***

Resulting in the THIRD blessing which is 'POSITION'

The Bible speaks of 3 kinds of election

#1) - **Theocratic election** of Israel- [to Moses]

...the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth
Deuteronomy 7:6

NO BEARING ON PERSONAL SALVATION

Racial descent from Abram – did not mean spiritual descent (Rmns 4:11)

#2) – **Vocational election**

God called the tribe of Levi to be priests, but Levites/not guaranteed salvation

Jesus called 12 to be apostles but only 11 of them to salvation
After Paul came to Christ, God then chose him to be an apostle to the Gentiles

#3) – **Ultimate form of election is salvation**

No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him
John 6:44