

# God's Purpose In Choosing Us

*Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 13*

*Ephesians 1:4b*

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“because<sup>1</sup> He chose us *to be* in Him before the foundation of the world, *for* us to be holy and blameless before Him in love,…” [Ephesians 1:4 DJP]

## Introduction:

### I. Backstory: \_\_\_\_\_ Are We Talking About, Here?

#### A. Important Question:

#### B. God In \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scripture
  - a. 1 Timothy 6:15b
  - b. 1 Chronicles 29:11–12
  - c. Romans 11:36
  - d. 1 Chronicles 16:25
2. What we learn

#### C. God In \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scripture
  - a. 1 Chronicles 16:26
  - b. Isaiah 45:18
  - c. Jeremiah 32:17
2. What we learn

#### D. God In \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scripture
  - a. Psalm 115:3
  - b. Isaiah 46:10
  - c. Daniel 4:35
  - d. Ephesians 1:11
2. What we learn

#### E. The Point

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<sup>1</sup> Or *for*, or *just as*.

## II. God's \_\_\_\_\_

### A. The End Result

1. What the result is: "*for us to be holy and blameless before Him in love*"
  
2. What the result implies
  - a. As to **our state** when He chose us:
    - 2:12
    - 4:18
  
    - 2:1-3
  - b. As to **God's choice** itself
  
3. What the result involves

### B. The All-Important \_\_\_\_\_: "He chose us *to be in Him*"

1. In Jesus' own words:
  - a. Jesus reveals the Father and Son's dealings in John 17
    - i. John 17:2
    - ii. John 17:6
    - iii. John 17:9–10
  - b. Jesus exalts the **Father's overall ultimate causality** in salvation
    - i. John 6:37
    - ii. John 6:39
    - iii. John 6:44
    - iv. John 6:65
    - v. John 10:29
  
2. As Paul sums it up: 1 Cor. 1:30-31
  
3. The application