

What is Redemption? Lesson 4 – Election – Part 3

Introduction:

- Election is the decision that God made _____ the creation of the world to _____ those who He would save.
- God does not have to save anyone, but in His mercy He decided to save _____.
- Before creation, God determined all those _____ He would save in order to give them to His Son as a gift of love.

1. God is sovereign over all _____.

A. God does whatever He _____.

Psa 115:3 *Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases*

Psa 135:6 *Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps.*

- There is _____ in creation that can keep God from doing whatever He wants.

Dan 4:35 *all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay his hand
or say to him, "What have you done?"*

- God _____ exactly what He wanted to create in exactly the way He wanted to create it.
- God _____ the disobedience of man to enter into history, in order that He might accomplish the redemptive plan that He had designed before creation.
- God does all things for His own _____.
- God's mercy appears more _____ when it is given to the least deserving.
- _____ fits into the unfolding purpose of God.

B. Whatever God does is _____.

- Whatever pleases God is never _____.

Psa 100.5 For the LORD is **good**;

Psa 106.1 Praise the LORD!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

- It is _____, and not evil, that God chooses to save some people and not everyone.
- Remember, God would still be good if He never saved _____.

2. God has always chosen those who would _____ His chosen people.

A. God chose _____ to be His servant and the father of the Jewish people.

Gen 12.1–3 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Heb 11.8 By faith Abraham obeyed **when he was called** to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

- Abraham’s faith and obedience came _____ God called Him to be His servant.

B. God chose Abraham’s second son _____ to be the bloodline through which the Jewish people and Jesus would come.

Gen 21.12 But God said to Abraham, “Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, **for through Isaac shall your offspring be named.**”

Rom 9.6–7 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”

C. God chose the second born son _____ over Esau to be the bloodline through which the Jewish people and Jesus would come.

Gen 25.23 *And the LORD said to her,
“Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the older shall serve the younger.”*

Rom 9.10–13 *And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— 12 she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” 13 As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”*

- God did not choose Jacob over Esau because of some good work that Jacob had done, because Jacob wasn’t even _____ yet!
- God chose Jacob over Esau before they were born in order that God’s good and sovereign _____ would be accomplished.
- God does not choose us on the basis of some goodness He sees in us, but on the basis of His own sovereign purpose and _____.

D. God chose _____ to be a special nation.

Deut 10.14–15 *Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. 15 Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.*

- God owns the whole universe and had the _____ to choose whoever He wanted to redeem.
- God freely chose to make Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their offspring the Jews, the object of his delight and _____.
- Why did God choose to love Israel?

Deut 7.6–7 *“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,*

- To _____ that He loved them, not because they were worthy of being loved, but because He is love.

- To show that God's choice wasn't based on anything in their _____.

Deut 7.7 *It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,*

- To show that God's choice is _____ and _____.
- To _____ the greatness of His grace by choosing such an unlikely and undeserving people.

Isa 43.7 *everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*

Isa 43.21 *the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.*

- God chooses _____ He chooses for His own glory.

Psa 105.43 *So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.*

Psa 135.4 *For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.*

- E. God chose people to do special _____ for Him.

- Moses was chosen to be the deliverer.

Psa 106.23 *Therefore he said he would destroy them— had not **Moses, his chosen one,** stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.*

- Aaron was chosen to be high priest.

Psa 105.26 *He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, **whom he had chosen.***

- David was chosen to be king.

Psa. 78:70 *He **chose David** his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;*

3. God chose His Son and sent Him into the world to be the Savior.

Isa 42.1 Behold **my servant**, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

- The title “_____” given to Jesus, means “anointed one”, and indicates someone God has chosen and empowered to hold a special office.

Matt 1.16 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, **who is called Christ**.

Matt 1.21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, **for he will save his people from their sins.**”

4. God chose those who would be in the _____.

- Throughout the New Testament those in the church are referred to as the “_____”.

2Tim. 2:10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the **elect**, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God’s **elect** and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,

1Pet. 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are **elect** exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Rom. 8:33 Who shall bring any charge against God’s **elect**? It is God who justifies.

- Throughout the New Testament those in the church are referred to as those who have been “_____ by God.”

Acts 10:41 not to all the people but to us who had been **chosen by God** as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

1Th. 1:4 For we know, brothers loved by God, **that he has chosen you**,

2Th. 2:13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because **God chose you** as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

1Pet. 2:4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men **but in the sight of God chosen and precious,**

John 15.16 **You did not choose me, but I chose you** and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

- Election is the decision that God made _____ the creation of the world to _____ those who He would save.

Eph 1.3–6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as **he chose us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 **he predestined us for adoption as sons** through Jesus Christ, **according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace**, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

- Before creation God has chosen us for salvation.
- He predestined us to be adopted as His sons.
- He did this according to the purpose of His will, not man's.
- He did this so that we might praise Him for His glorious grace.

Conclusion:

- Election _____ human pride.
- Election exalts God's _____ freedom and grace.
- Therefore, we should _____ that which exalts God so highly, and humbles man so greatly.