



“Elect in Christ”
Ephesians 1:3-6

I. God is worthy of praise for having blessed Paul and his audience with every _____ blessing (1:3).

a. Note that these blessings are available “in _____” (1:3).

Isaiah 42:1-4

b. Note that these blessings are not primarily related to this realm of living, but to the _____ realm (1:3).

Ephesians 6:12; Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:10-13; Ephesians 2:6-7; Leviticus 11:44; 20:7-8; Psalm 15; Ephesians 5:27; Colossians 1:21-22

II. God chose bless us before the _____ of the world (1:4a).

Romans 8:29-30; Acts 4:27-28; Isaiah 53:3-6

a. In Christ, God has given us a _____ and sanctified standing (1:4b).

Philippians 3:9

b. Through Christ, God selected us for _____ as His sons (1:5a).

Romans 8:29-30; Hebrews 1:2-3; Revelation 21:21; 8:14-16

c. God’s will and God’s _____ are to be the focal points of praise in our salvation (1:6).

Ephesians 2:8-9

QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY NIGHT STUDY:

1. What are the basic tenants of Calvinism and Arminianism?
2. If Calvinism teaches unconditional election (God elects in eternity past without any current or future merit on your part) and Arminianism teaches conditional election (God elects in eternity past with advanced knowledge that you will one day place your faith in Him), how does each side interpret Ephesians 1:4-5 in light of 1 Peter 1:2 (“To those who are elect... according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...”)?
3. Does the natural man’s inability tell you something about God moving first in the heart of anyone who places faith in Christ (1 Corinthians 2:14, Romans 3:9-18 & Ephesians 2:1-5)?