

Seven Truths About Predestination

July 10th, 2022

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-6

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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 to himself 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.

Truth #1: God chose us *in Christ* (vs. 4)

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

"If we are chosen in Christ, it is outside ourselves. It is not from the sight of our deserving...the name of Christ excludes all merit, and everything which men have of themselves; for when he says that we are chosen in Christ, it follows that in ourselves we are unworthy."

-John Calvin

Truth #2: God chose us *before the foundation of the world* (vs. 4)

John 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you.

1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

Romans 9:16

So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.



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Truth #3: God chose us *according to the purpose of his will* (vs. 5)

Truth #4: God chose us *that we should be holy and blameless before him* (vs. 4)

Truth #5: God chose us *in love* (vs. 5)

Truth #6: God chose us *to be adopted into his family* (vs. 5)

Truth #7: God chose us *to the praise of his glorious grace* (vs. 6)

