

“CHOSEN FOR HIS GLORY”

Ephesians 1:3-6

Part II

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INTRODUCTION

No need to fear election

No need to dilute the doctrine, or gut the teaching of its emphasis.

Election is one of the “Great Blessings” of v.3 that we saw last week.

OUR ELECTION TO HOLINESS AND SONSHIP RESULTS IN THE GLORY OF GOD AND SHOULD GIVE US JOY AND CONFIDENCE.

I. The One Who Chooses: “He”

II. The Nature of the Choice: “To pick or choose out for Himself.”

III. The Objects of the Choice: “Us” (v. 1)

IV. The Basis of the Choice: “In Him”

V. The Time of the Choice: “Before the foundation of the world”

A. His Wisdom

B. His Sovereignty

VI. The Purpose of the Choice

A. “That we should be Holy and blameless before Him”

1. Individuals are objects of choice.

2. Holiness cannot be the ground of election.

3. Holiness is the sole evidence of election.

B. “Predestined to the Adoption as sons” (5a)

1. Participation in His nature

2. Enjoyment of His favor

3. Heirship

VII. The Pleasure of the Choice: “According to the good pleasure of His will (v. 5)

VIII. The Ultimate Design of the Choice: “The praise of the glory of His grace” (v. 6)

A. His Grace is praised

B. His Grace has been “begraced” to us

C. His Grace is given “in the beloved.”

CONCLUSION: Rejoice; Manifest; Make Sure