

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

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CHAPTER 1:4

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"BEING IN CHRIST" - PART 1

THE BELIEVERS PLACE IN CHRIST

INTRODUCTION

Ephesian 1:3-14

is possibly the most power declaration of the believers position in God that exist

The Early Church sang it as a hymn
in their worship services

It's "1" sentence in the Greek language,
With "1" main verb - "He has **Blessed** us"
It has 3 stanzas

Verse 6 & 12 & 14

"To the Praise of His Glory" - "To the Praise of His Glory" "To the Praise of His Glory"

Stanza 1 is in verses 4-6 *stresses God the Father*

Stanza 2 is in verses 7-12 *stresses God the Son*

Stanza 1 is in verses 13-14 *stresses God the Holy Spirit*

Ephesians 1:4
just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

1.) God's Choice to Choose

“Just as He chose us “in Him”

a) Choice is God's “Sovereign Domain”

* **Chose** **GRK & ENG 1586 eklegomai (ek-leg'-om-ahee)**
to have selected, to have elected, to have called out
from among the others

In The Greek Aorist Tense;
Meaning “In a Moment of Time, a once and for all decision that's
made

In and Of Himself,
He Decided to Choose You Independent of what or who
you are

Turn to Romans 9:10
Turn to 1 Peter 1:2
Turn to Romans 8:28-30

Notice God's "Declaration" to His Own

b) God "Knows All there Is to Know" to the Equation

Situations In Life

The Blessings - The Cursing - The Beginning From The End

Revelation 5:6

in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Isaiah 46:8

"Remember this, and show yourselves men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors. :9 Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, :10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,'

2.) Man's Choice is to Decide

Robotics Engineering: *machines produced to perform a task, a duty, a danger, a command*

Robotics Engineering *is field of research and production where the designer knows in advance what the goal is - performance*

Before (from) the foundation of the world

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Before

GRK 4253 pro (pro)

prior to or in priority, #1 in front of everything else., #2 above everything else, #3 before everything else

Charles Spurgeon said;

"I am Glad that God chose before the foundations of the world were ever laid - because He sure wouldn't have chosen me after I was born"

**Being His Child Is The Most Secure
Thing That You Can Experience...**

He doesn't Un-select you, He will never Un-saves
you, He will not Un-choose you

Malachi 3:6

"For I am the LORD, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed,

a) Our "Free Moral Agency" is Enjoyed

**WE want to make choices
LUNCH - WHERE?**

BUT man will not allow God to do the Same

**He's Sovereign, Not Us!
He Makes the Rules, Not Us!**

Joshua 24:15

"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,

b) Our “Decision’s” Will Always Produce Results

3.) The Creation is Subject to the Creator

That we should be “holy”

*** holy GRK Haigos
to be a saint, to be set apart for God -**

*Because we are declared - holy,
we can walk in holiness*

Lion Country Safari

A Grounded Eagle walking around like a turkey

a) God Bought Us Having the “As Is Warranty”

**God Knew the Creation was going
to go into rebellion**

(HE CREATED IT ANYWAY)

Ephesians 2:4

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, :5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), :6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Galatians 3:22

But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

b) Who's to Blame?

“And “without blame” before Him..... [in love,]”

without blame GRK 299 amomos (am'-o-mos);

to be unblemished. without blame, faultless, or having no spot, unable to be blamed.

c) Man's Reasonable Response

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. :2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Are you Chosen by God?

Do you want Jesus Christ? - **yes** - then you're
chosen

Do you want Jesus Christ? **no** - then you're not
chosen

Acts 13:47-48

"For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the
Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'
:48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified
the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal
life believed."

Your Prayer shall be Answered

God's Sovereignty to Choose
&
Man's Responsibility to Respond
Both are true - both are fair

Turn to Luke 14

There will be one thing that shall render all that God
has done for you - personally worthless...

The Unforgivable Sin...

Matthew 12:30

"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad. :31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. :32 "Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come. ..."

The sin was,
they attributed the works of the Holy Spirit to Satan

Matthew 12:24

Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

Choice to be a choice, must be honored
as a choice

The choice you make will involve an
outcome

Are we then responsible for us going to heaven (No) because in eternity, God saw, God knew, those who would accept His offer (in eternity) so He then prepared their lives, knowing the ones whom He knew...

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal:
"The Lord knows those who are His,"

The Vessels are After the Fact

2 Timothy 2:20

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

(A Toilet plunger is not a tooth brush...)

The Video Re-run (First Knight)

Does God create special people to burn in hell?

These burn longer - these burn hotter, these have those multi-colored flames

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

John 10:28

"And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. :29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

John 10:14

"I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

John 10:25

Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. :26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. :27 My sheep hear my voice and they follow me.

Left up to ourselves...
We will die in our sins

God Saved You - Not You Choosing

1 Corinthians 1:27

But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; :28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, :29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

John 15:16

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you..."

**THAT'S WHAT'S SO HUMBLING ABOUT SALVATION &
MINISTRY...**

THAT GOD WOULD CHOSE TO USE ANY OF US

John 6:44

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him (to pull him along)...."

John 6:65

"Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

John 6:63

"It is the Holy Spirit who gives life."

**The Holy Spirit begins to awaken a man
to his need of Jesus Christ - and saves
him!!!**

Romans 11:29

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!"
And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life
freely.