

Chosen to Be His

Ephesians 1:1-6

- I. Paul's Greeting: We are objects of God's grace and peace (Ephesians 1:1-2)
- II. Theme: God deserves our praise for all our spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3).
- III. God deserves our praise for choosing to save us (Ephesians 1:4-6).
 - A. God chose us for salvation before He created the world (1:4a; 2 Timothy 1:9; Romans 8:29-30).
 1. God's choice does not contradict man's choice to believe the gospel (Ephesians 1:13; Acts 13:48; 16:14; John 6:37, 44; 2 Thessalonians 2:13).
 2. God's choice does not change our responsibility to share the gospel (2 Timothy 2:10; Romans 10:13-15; 2 Corinthians 5:20).
 - B. God chose us so we would be holy (1:4b; 1 Peter 1:14-16).
 - C. God chose us because He loves us (1:5; Deuteronomy 7:7-8).
 - D. God chose us freely so He would be praised for His grace (1:6; Ephesians 1:12; 2:7).