

God's Choice Pt8

Unexpected Choices Pt2

EPHESIANS 1:4-5

4. According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his [will],

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thelema {thel'-ay-mah}

1a) what one wishes or has determined shall be done, used of the purpose of God to bless mankind through Christ; of what God wishes to be done by us; commands, precepts; will, choice; inclination, desire, pleasure

CHURCH AGE BOOK

You can't read it any other way. The heart purpose, the eternal purpose of God was to take a bride of His OWN choosing, and that purpose was in Himself, and being eternal was decreed before the foundation of the world.

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They had their side that wasn't praise-worthy; but in spite of their imperfections, by the purpose of God that works through election, by grace and not by works, THEY HAD THE CLOUD BY DAY AND THE PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT, THEY HAD THE SMITTEN ROCK, THE BRAZEN SERPENT AND THE SIGNS AND WONDERS. They were vindicated--not in themselves, but in God.

EPHESIANS 5:25-27

25. *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*
26. *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*
27. *That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

MATTHEW 5:48

48. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

LAW [55-0115]

Now, the blood could not be perfect by an animal. But the Blood in Christ was perfect. Now, I will never be perfect. And you will never be perfect. I will never be perfect in your sight. You will never be perfect in my sight. But let's lay that aside. What about in

God's sight? I look at you as a human. I look at you as a brother. But **God looks at you through the Blood of His Son as a redeemed one.** Jesus said, "*Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.*" And **not what you've done, you have nothing to merit it, but it's what Christ did for you.** Oh, do you see it?

THE PERFECTION [57-0419]

Then my **salvation**, yours tonight **does not hinge upon the merits of our own acts.** It hinged upon the positive sovereign grace of Almighty God Who has chosen us in Him. Certainly. I could never be perfect, nor you could never be perfect. And we don't claim to be perfect. But we have this one consolation, that **our faith rests in a perfect Sacrifice** that's already been received.

I CORINTHIANS 15:9-10a

9. *For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.* 10a. **But by the grace of God I am what I am:**

A PARADOX [63-0801]

I've seen critics stand off and make fun, and carry on, of a Holy Ghost revival. And after a while, God get a hold of that same man and change him, and here he stands right in the pulpit preaching the same thing that he once hated. **It's a paradox, how that God can take the unbeliever and make a believer out of him.**

ABRAHAM'S COVENANT CONFIRMED [61-0318]

Now listen, church. I want to drop this in here, 'cause I believe the Holy Spirit told me to do it. You may be setting there (which some of you are, I know you are) disagreeing with me, right now. Now, I can call your name if you want me to. So, I know that, but I also can see farther than that, that **you're going to believe it one of these days.** So I'm just going to put this in, so you'll understand, **so I can give you a little spot of grace here,** when it ain't going to be too long till you're going to change your mind, some of you. Some of you won't.

JOHN 15:16-19

16. **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you,** and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17. *These things I command you, that ye love one another.*

18. *If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.*

19. *If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but **I have chosen you out of the world,** therefore the world hateth you.*

II THESSALONIANS 2:13

13. *But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because **God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation** through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

6. *Being confident of this very thing, that **he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:***

ZECHARIAH 4:9-10a

9. *The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.*

10a. *For **who hath despised the day of small things?***

HEBREWS 12:1-2a

1. *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2a. Looking unto Jesus **the author and finisher of our faith;***

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE A CHRISTIAN LIFE? [57-0113]

There isn't enough power in all hell can ever defeat the purpose of God. God will do it anyhow.