

SATISFIED IN BEING SELECTED

Ephesians 1:4-6

The Biblical Reality: Christians Are “Elected” for Salvation

Why Election for Salvation Is Such a Good Thing

REASON 1: Election displays God’s _____ for you

- ♦ God tells us He did this for us in love (1:4)
- ♦ God tells us His election was not because of our _____
(2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:4-5; Eph. 2:8-9)
- ♦ God tells us He was _____ to do this (1:5; Lk. 2:14)

REASON 2: Election _____ your relationship and future with God

- ♦ Since God’s selection isn’t based on your performance, your performance won’t cause God to “de-select” you (Jer. 1:5)

- ♦ God’s selection of you is _____ by the Holy Spirit (1:13-14)
- ♦ You were predestined to be _____ (1:5)

REASON 3: Election _____ you to live Christ-like

- ♦ The tendency to live for self-centered affirmation
- ♦ Your election satisfies your longing to be valued and wanted

Applying the Bible to Life

It can be difficult, in the heat of the moment to control your thoughts, but the next time...

- The next time you get in a fight, ask yourself: how much of this is really about me protecting or promoting my praise and my desire to be valued?
- The next time you’re sad or depressed, ask yourself: how much of this is because I’m not getting the praise and love I so deeply want?
- The next time you’re stressed over another’s opinion of you, ask yourself: am I assuming their evaluation of me is my true value as a person?
- The next time, remind yourself: I am in Christ. I was chosen. I was predestined. I was adopted. I am loved. I am wanted, and forever will be.