

## Ephesians 1

### Does God Choose Who Goes To Heaven And Who Goes To Hell?

Ephesians 1:3-10 - Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he (God) chose us in him (Jesus) before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he (God) predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves (Jesus). <sup>7</sup>In him (Jesus) we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup>he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup>to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

#### God does not choose to only save certain people.

2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting **anyone** to perish, but **everyone** to come to repentance.

John 3:16-17 – Jesus said, “For God so loved **the world**, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever believes in him** should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that **the world** might be saved through him.”

1 Timothy 2:3-6 - This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants **all people** to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for **all people**.

**Before man was created, God decided (chose) that anyone who received His gift of salvation through Jesus would be “holy and without fault in God’s eyes.”**

Ephesians 1:4 - For he (God) chose us in him (Jesus) before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

#### •Holy - to be set apart for honorable use

Hebrews 12:14 - Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

1 Peter 1:14-16 - As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup>But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup>for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

2 Timothy 2:20-21 - In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. <sup>21</sup>Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

#### •Without fault in God’s eyes - to be forgiven of sin

Romans 4:7-8 - Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>8</sup>Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.

**Before man was created, God decided (predestined) that He would extend the offer to us to become His child.**

Ephesians 1:5 - In love he (God) predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves (Jesus).

#### •He made the first move at the cross.

#### •We have to decide if we will accept.

Romans 3:25 - God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God **when they believe** that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.