

Handout **Ephesians 1:4-5a He Chose Us That We Would Praise The Glory of His Grace**

NOTES

Eph 1:4-6 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us or adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Q: What does it mean that Paul says 'He chose us in Him'?

Eph 2:1-3 Dead in sin, and by our **nature** children of wrath...

Romans 8:7 hostile to God, **unwilling** and **unable** to submit to Jesus

We cannot choose contrary to our sinful nature.

1. Think about **God**.

God cannot sin. Heb 6:18

God cannot be tempted with evil Jc 1:13

God cannot deny himself 2 Tim 2:13

2. The **devil**

-he's the father of lies -John 8:44

-he's the thief who comes to steal and kill- John 10:10

-he seeks to devour and destroy- 1 Pet 5:8

-Satan even uses the truth the tell lies - Gen 3:1

3. The **saints** in **heaven**.

Rev 21:3 The dwelling place of God is with man.

4. **People without faith** in **Christ**

Rom 8:7 **unable** and **unwilling** to submit to Jesus.

Your right worship of God: He chose us that we would praise the glory of His grace in choosing us. He did it all.

Eph 2:8-9 Faith is a gift of God

Titus 3:4-9 Regeneration by the spirit gives the gift of faith.

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ/the gospel.

2 Tim 1:9 God saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus ->before the ages began.