

Living Secure in an insecure world Part 2 of 4

You were chosen by GRACE to grow and live obediently 1 Peter 1:2

Introduction:

#1 You are secure because this letter is God's Word, coming to you with the AUTHORITY of an apostle 1a

#2 You are secure in this world even though for a little while, you are scattered ALIENS 1b

#3 You are secure because God has CHOSEN you 1c-2

A. Election is a BIBLICAL doctrine

ISRAEL was CHOSEN in Deuteronomy 7:6 For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your **God has chosen you** to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

JESUS was CHOSEN in Isaiah 42:1 Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; **My chosen one** in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.

The CHURCH was CHOSEN in 1 Peter 5:13 She who is in Babylon, **chosen together with you**, sends you greetings, ...

ANGELS were CHOSEN in 1 Timothy 5:21 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus

and of His **chosen angels**, to maintain these principles without bias...

CHRISTIANS are CHOSEN in John 15:16 **You did not choose Me, but I chose you**, and appointed you,

that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain...

John 6:37 All that the Father gives Me **shall come to Me**, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

John 6:44 **No one can come to Me**, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day

Matthew 22:14 For many are called, but **few are chosen**.

Luke 18:7 shall not God bring about **justice for His elect**, who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?

Romans 9:11 for though the twins were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that God's purpose

according to His **choice** might stand, not because of works, but because of **Him who calls**

Romans 11:5 there has also come to be at the present time a **remnant** according to **God's gracious choice**.

Colossians 3:12 as those **who have been chosen of God**, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, ...

Titus 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of **those chosen of God** ...

2 Timothy 2:10 ...I endure all things **for the sake of those who are chosen**, that they also may obtain the salvation

which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

Revelation 17:14 ... King of kings, and those who are **with Him are the called and chosen** and faithful

2 Thessalonians 2:13 we ... give thanks to God for you, brethren ... because God has **chosen you from the beginning**

for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

B. Election is a DIFFICULT doctrine

Ephesians 1:4 **just as He chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him...

1. How can people be held RESPONSIBLE?

John 5:40 you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life.

John 13:18 I know the ones I have chosen

2. How can Election be JUST?

Romans 9:14 "I will have mercy upon whom I have mercy"

3. If God elects, why should we EVANGELIZE?

Acts 18:10 ...for I have many people in this city

C. Election is an CONNECTED doctrine

Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sin. John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you

Romans 3:10 "There is none righteous, not even one; 11 There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God;

12 All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one.

John 6:44 "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

D. Election is an ENCOURAGING doctrine

Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love

1. Election produces biblical HUMILITY

1Thessalonians 1:4 knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you;
2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter, ... to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours
Philippians 1:29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him
2 Timothy 1:9 who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works,
but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

2. Election produces a spiritual SECURITY

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; 30 and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

3. Election produces an ETHICAL energy

Ephesians 1:4 to be holy and blameless.

#3 You are secure because God has CHOSEN you 1 Peter 1:1c-2

1st THE PAST: Chosen according to the FOREKNOWLEDGE of God the Father 2a

John 15:16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit...

1-THIS IS MY PEOPLE Amos 3:2 "You only have I chosen among all the families of the earth; ...

2-AN EXPRESSION OF INTIMACY

2nd THE PRESENT: Chosen by the SANCTIFYING work of the Spirit 2b

Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

2 Peter 1:8 if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, ...10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, ...30 and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

3rd THE PURPOSE: Chosen that you may OBEY Jesus Christ 2c

John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." 1John 2:3 And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;
Hebrews 10:25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another;
and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.

#4 You're secure because of the sweetness of God's BLESSING 2d

*Are you ELECT? If so, then you will be... HUMBLE, EXALTING, JOYFUL,
DESIRING TO CHANGE, TRUSTING, DOCTRINAL, ACCEPTED, GOD CENTERED,
HOLY, OBEDIENT and ALIENS...*

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