

“I AM CHOSEN BY GOD”

1 Thessalonians 1:4

SOME translations use the words “your election.”

This is the election of you by God. It is the same word used by Jesus of His choice for the 12 disciples. In the Scriptures, the word election also refers to God’s purposes and plans to affect His will. His purpose of election encompasses everything from the creation of the world to what He states regarding the creation of a new heaven and earth. The Greek word for “election: (eklegomai) means “to choose something for oneself.” What do the following references say to you regarding His choosing of you? As you read these, apply them to personally.

Psalm 4:3:

John 15:16:

Ephesians 1:11:

In regards to election, we see throughout the word of God His choosing of various individuals to a particular position in order to accomplish His purposes. As you think about this, do any examples come to mind? Make a list below.

We see this same principle when it came to the choosing of nations/peoples for special privileges. **Read** Deuteronomy 7:6 and Psalm 105:43. Who were these people or nations?

When it comes to eternal life and our salvation it is the good pleasure of our Heavenly Father that none perish. **Write** what 2 Peter 3:9 says.



However, even though He has chosen us, it is a matter of choice on our part to accept His invitation. Because of His great love for man, it was His purpose to choose us for Himself and a relationship with Him. He purposed to provide a way to affect His will and that was by choosing to offer His only Son. That's how much He wanted and does want a relationship with you and with me. **Read** Luke 9:35.

As you **look up** and meditate on the following Scripture references, (in your own words) what do they say regarding His good pleasure and how does this impact your life?

Ephesians 1:5; 11:

John 15:16; 19:

2 Thessalonians 2:13:

In choosing us (God as Creator of the universe and everything in it), He claims the right (and has that right) to so choose. What does Romans 9:16 say?

What does this verse speak to you personally?

As we think about being chosen by God, it should be with grateful hearts and our lives should reflect that. The election of God was and is of His own good pleasure and not because of anything we may have done to deserve it. It is a gift and we should be the grateful recipients! Do you have a grateful heart?