

Who is the Elect? Part 2

SUMMARY:

As we learned last week, the word "elect" means "chosen." The good news is that God's goodness is available to all of us through Jesus. We are all chosen in Jesus. When we believe in the gospel and trust in Jesus, we share in Jesus' elect status as God's chosen ones. The elect is a people who participate in God's Kingdom, under His will and rule. None of us are excluded from the power of the blood once we place our faith in Jesus.

Ephesians 1:4 tells us that God chose us in Jesus "before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before Him." We are not chosen to be the elect because of our own efforts or goodness but because of the sacrificial work of Jesus on the cross. In this, we become a people of hope, existing solely for the praise of God's glory.

Take some time to reflect on your "chosenness" and give praise to God.

QUESTIONS:

Upward

What were your initial thoughts about the term "elect"? How can you see the character of God through this message?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Why was it necessary for Jesus to "become sin" so that we would become the righteousness of God?

Inward

The elect is a people of hope. From where does our hope come from? Read Ephesians 1:11-12.

What does it mean to live in and through your chosenness?

Outward

How does being part of God's "elect" impact the way we treat others? Who can you invite to enter into this people of hope?