

Praise God for Choosing Us!

 EPHESIANS 1:3,4	
DOCTRINE: OUR POSITION Seated with Christ 1-3 	DUTY: OUR PRACTICE Walking worthy Standing firm 4-6 
Privileges of the Church spiritual blessings in Christ saved to receive future riches citizenship in God's household	Responsibilities of the Church maintain unity in love lovingly fulfill our roles battle evil forces
BIG IDEA:	

Bless God the Father for the blessing of election, 3-6.

Who chose whom: Deut. 7:6, Jn. 15:16, Rom. 9:11, II Thess. 2:13

*When: even before creation

*Why: to make us holy, Col. 1:22,23, Phil. 2:14, II Pt. 3:14

How He chose us:

*in Him = 3x of Jesus in vv.3-6, and 27x = in Him / Christ in book.

*having predestined us (marked out beforehand / ordained)

5 of 6x in NT by Paul, 1:11, Rom. 8:29,30, Acts 4:28

*for adoption as sons (a new family), Rom. 8:15, 23, Gal. 4:4-6,
which will set up a contrast with wicked sons in 2:2,3

Why He chose us:

*according to the kind intention of His will, cf. will of God in 1:2

*that God might be praised for His grace to us, as also in 1:12,14

How should it impact us today?