

Hand Picked by God

Sunday March 17, 2024
Series: Blessed!

*“We love because he first loved us.”
1 John 4:19 ESV*

God is _____ of All My Praise for All that He Has Done for Me

I. I Am _____ by God

“We love because he first loved us.”

1 John 4:19 ESV

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,”
Ephesians 1:3 ESV

“⁴ 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 for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose^a of his will, ... ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose^a, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose^b of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,”
Ephesians 1:4-5, 9–11 ESV

Chosen (Election)—to select for one’s own reasons or purposes from a number of alternatives.

Predestined (Predetermine)—to determine something ahead of time or before its occurrence.

Purpose^a (Goodwill)—a delightful, fixed intention of benevolent favor.

Will (Inclination)—an attitude of mind especially one that favors one alternative over others.

Mystery (God’s Secret Revealed)—a secret whose concerned party is a deity alone and those to whom he chooses to share the information.

Purpose^b (Determination)—the quality of being determined to do or achieve something.

Plan (Administration)—a method of tending to or managing the affairs of a some group of people.

Counsel (Plan) —a series of steps to be carried out or goals to be accomplished.

-God Chose _____

“Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.””

Genesis 12:1–3 ESV

-God Chose _____

“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,”
Deuteronomy 7:6–7 ESV

-God Chose Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Esther, Mary, Paul... _____!

“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

Romans 8:29–30 ESV

-God Chose Me Before the _____

“even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love”

Ephesians 1:4 ESV

-God Chose Me to be _____

“he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,”

Colossians 1:22 ESV

II. God Chose Me Before _____

“We love because he first loved us.”

1 John 4:19 ESV

“In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,”

Ephesians 1:4c–5 ESV

“Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son,’”

Exodus 4:22 ESV

“and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

2 Corinthians 6:18 ESV

“For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,”

Romans 8:15–16 ESV

III. My God is Worthy of All My _____

“to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.”

Ephesians 1:6 ESV

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Ephesians 2:8–9 ESV

God is Worthy of All My Praise for All that He Has Done for Me!

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