

42. Where do we find the answer to the two questions that Miles Stanford asks?
43. Are you “in Christ”?
44. How to get to be “in Christ” is first of all by what?
45. What is the only proper response you should have to the truth of “The Selecting Work of the Father”?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »•How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »•How can I accomplish this change?
- »•What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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THE SELECTING WORK OF THE FATHER

Ephesians 1:1-6

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon “**The Selecting Work of The Father**” All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. One of the keys to understanding the book of Ephesians is to realize that it is a book that portrays the church as what?
2. For the church to be healthy it is dependent upon what?
3. What concept is a very descriptive and unique metaphor for the church?
4. What metaphor for the church is never used of Israel?
5. Israel is a nation, the church is a what?
6. In what references in Ephesians is the church mentioned as the body of Christ?
7. During Paul’s time, the writer of the letter would identify himself at what part of the letter?
8. What does Paul add to his greeting to establish his authority to write the things he is going to write?

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9. The term "saints" could be translated "holy ones" and it refers to those who are what?

10. The Bible never uses what term to refer to some special class of Christians who have achieved a certain level of spirituality?

11. Is Paul writing Ephesians to two different groups of people?

12. Does the word "faithful," as used in Ephesians 1, refer to people who are always consistent and trustworthy?

13. What two-word phrase helps us understand that we are connected and in union with Christ?

14. What was the Greek way of wishing God's best to someone?

15. What was the Hebrew way of wishing God's best to someone?

16. What section of Ephesians is one long sentence?

17. As Paul considers all that God has done, his first response is what?

18. Lenski said that there is too little contemplation of God and too little what?

19. How many spiritual blessings do we have?

20. How do we know that Paul is not supporting the prosperity cult that is so popular today when he speaks of "blessings"?

21. In verses 4-5, Paul presents what doctrine?

22. Most objections to the doctrine of election come because we don't really have the perspective that we are completely...

- a. Undeserving of _____
- b. Deserving of _____

23. Paul's point in Ephesians 1 is that no one ever became a Christian as a what?

24. Paul blessed God in verse 3 because he was so overwhelmed that God had done what?

25. What are several other references helping us see God's choice in salvation?

26. God's choice is not based on what?

27. The Bible uses the word, "know" to speak of what?

28. The Biblical doctrine of foreknowledge means that God made a choice in advance to do what?

29. God not only chose us and called us but He also gave us what?

30. According to verse 4, what is God's purpose in election?

31. You will never understand salvation if you don't understand what issue that is taught in Romans 3?

32. How does Paul address the objection that says that election presents God as being cold and impersonal?

33. Jesus is God's Son by nature; we became God's children by what?

34. The word "Predestination" means what?

35. God chose and marked out beforehand those who would be His sons and daughters and that entire process was engulfed in what?

36. Why did God do all of this?

37. What do men love?

38. The ultimate goal in God's choosing us and adopting us is that we would do what?

39. What does it mean to "glorify God"?

40. Why did God choose us? Why did He make us holy and blameless before His presence? Why did He predestinate us unto adoption?

41. Are we, as Christians, totally and completely accepted in God's sight? If so, how so?