

## Soteriology: Election

### Ephesians 1

The Church loves to talk about Salvation, but in the midst of our Consistency, we often lack Clarity. This is why we're focusing on Soteriology, which is the study of Salvation. Because the better we understand salvation, the greater we appreciate the life God offers to humanity by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This week, we're asking "How does the doctrine of Election change our view of both God and Humanity?"

#### Ephesians 1:4-5

For he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world that we may be holy and unblemished in his sight in love. He did this by predestining us to adoption as his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the pleasure of his will

#### Ephesians 1:13

And when you heard the word of truth (the gospel of your salvation) — when you believed in Christ — you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit,

#### Exodus 33:19

And the Lord said, "I will make all my goodness pass before your face, and I will proclaim the Lord by name before you; I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy."

#### Ephesians 1:5

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#### Romans 1:18-19

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth by their unrighteousness, because what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

#### Romans 3:11

Just as it is written:

"There is no one righteous, not even one,  
there is no one who understands,  
there is no one who seeks God."

#### Ephesians 1:4-12

For he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world that we may be holy and unblemished in his sight in love. He did this by predestining us to adoption as his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the pleasure of his will— to the praise of the glory of his grace that he has freely bestowed on us in his dearly loved Son.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. He did this when he revealed to us the secret of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, toward the administration of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ—the things in heaven and the things on earth. In Christ we too have been claimed as God's own possession, since we were predestined according to the one purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, would be to the praise of his glory.