

Sermon Title: **“CHOSEN”**

Ephesians 1:1-14

- “Chose” = to pick out; to select for one’s self
- We’re going to focus on the benefits of being Chosen in Jesus Christ
 - An attribute of God that I think we really just CAN’T wrap our heads around is the idea that God exists outside of time
 - God sees ALL the future events, as clearly as ALL the past events, which He views as if they are in the present
- The foundation for ALL of the spiritual blessings we are blessed with is NOT based, in ANY way, upon us
 - God choosing us is fully an act of God’s grace
 - God’s plan of salvation was firmly locked in Jesus Christ before the foundations of the world
- Here are 3 Benefits to the Truth that we are Chosen
 1. Being Chosen gives us HOPE
 - With the passing of Jacob (Israel) Joseph’s brothers were scared of what Joseph might do to them
 - After years of faithfully following God, getting a glimpse of what God’s doing, through some real difficulties, Joseph says this in Genesis 50:19-20
 - We can have hope in the knowledge that God’s purposes & plans CAN’T be adjusted or destroyed by other’s evil
 2. Being Chosen gives us PEACE
 - What God has started, God will finish!
 - God chose me, knowing I’m filthy & wicked & seek to do wrong (that’s my unchecked, natural heart)
 - God’s way more committed to me, than I have ever been (or ever will be) committed to Him
 - We’ve done NOTHING to deserve it & will NEVER be able to repay it, but God graciously chose us
 3. Being Chosen gives us CONFIDENCE
 - We have NO idea who’s been chosen by God (& it’s NOT for us to know)
 - NO matter how callous or hardened an individual might seem to be there are SOME WHO WILL BELIEVE
 - The fact that God has chosen DOESN’T release us from sharing, it gives us tremendous confidence to share!
- God choosing us gives us unbelievable hope, indescribable peace, & unparalleled confidence