

Living Connections Bible Study



Elect and Chosen

Text: Isaiah 42:1-7; Ephesians 1

Prayer:

Icebreaker: Describe your feelings, frustrations, and disappointments as a young person when it was time to choose up teams for some game or sport? Were you one of the first ones chosen? Did the others want you to play on their team? Were you ever left till last and only ended up on a team by default?

Imagine God the Father as the head coach. We were born onto the losing team which is headed by Adam. But the Father has elected/chosen His Son to be the captain of a new team. And we have the option of choosing to stay on the losing team in Adam, or we can choose Christ by faith as Savior and become part of the winning team (the elect team) because of our new position in Christ.

1. On what basis does God choose and call us His elect? 1 Peter 1:1-2

2. What Messianic titles do we find in Isaiah's prophecy in Isaiah 42:1-7 concerning the coming Savior?

3. What variations do we find in the translation of these titles in Matthew 12:18-20?

4. What does Peter have to say about Christ being the *Elect* and *Chosen One* by God?
1 Peter 2:4-6; Isaiah 28:16

5. How did the enemies of Jesus refer to the coming Messiah/Christ? Luke 23:35

6. What Messianic title did the Heavenly Father use for His elect Son at His baptism and at His transfiguration? Matthew 3:17; 17:5; 2 Peter 1:17

7. Read quickly through Ephesians chapter 1 in your small group, circling all the words and phrases that express our vital union with Christ by the preposition *IN*.

8. How are God's elect children addressed in verse 1?

9. Who and what is the key to every spiritual blessing in the spiritual realm? Verse 3

10. What did God elect or choose us to be in verse 4?

11. To what privilege, responsibility, and position was every child of God predestined in verses 5-6?

12. What great blessing do all God's *elect* share in common found in verse 7?

13. What common purpose and mystery of God's will applies to all the saints/elect, both those who have gone to Heaven and those still on earth? vs. 9-10, 22-23

14. What do we learn about our marvelous inheritance? v. 11-12 Romans 8:17; 1 Peter 1:3-4

**15. What guarantee has been given to us in Christ that we are one of God's chosen/elect ones?
Verses 13-14**

Think about it this week:

Election and predestination have been likened to a great ship on its way to Heaven. The ship (the Church, Christ's Body, the Bride of Christ) has been chosen by God to be His very own vessel. Christ is the Captain and Pilot of the ship. He is the Father's Elect and Chosen One, and we are elect, chosen and accepted in Him. All who want to be part of this elect ship can do so by placing their faith in Christ, the Captain of our Salvation, by which we come aboard. Predestination points us to our privileges on board ship, our destination, and God's desire to make us like Jesus, as we bring praise and glory to Jesus throughout our voyage from earth to glory.