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Chosen:
The Goodness of God

Ephesians 1:3-6

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[3]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, [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 of His will, [6]to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. —Ephesians 1:3-6

"Before any man can seek God, God must have sought the man. Before a sinful man can think a right thought of God, there must have been a work of enlightenment done within him. We pursue God because, and only because, He has first put an urge within us that spurs the pursuit. 'No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day'" (JOHN 6:44). —A.W. Tozer

"This is no harsh or arbitrary act, but rather a gracious and merciful decree made in love. It must be thought of not as a blind impersonal and mechanical thing, but as an act of infinite love and wisdom." —Vaughn

"Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign **goodness**, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility."
—Baptist Faith and Message, 2000

Election is…

1. A Biblical Reality

2. A Historical Controversy

3. A Call to Be a Missionary

Notes:

"That's not my problem. That's God's problem. And for him it is not a problem. Believe both truths and let God harmonize them." —Charles Haddon Spurgeon

4. A Spiritual Mystery

5. A Pathway to Humility

[26]For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. [27]But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; [28]God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29]so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. [30]And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption. —1 Corinthians 1:26-30

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