

THE STUDY OF EPHESIANS
LESSON 2 QUESTIONS
EPHESIANS 1:3-6

It may be said that the doctrine of election is one of the most contested and debated in the history of the church. Our passage today is critical to the discussion of election. Begin your study with prayer. Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson. *“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth” (John 16:13).*

1. *“Blessed be”* denotes that Paul is offering praise to God for the spiritual blessings listed in the verses to follow (vs.4-14). The blessings are anchored *“in Christ”*—in his person and work in salvation—and *“in the heavenly places.”* List the spiritual blessings *“in”* and *“through”* Christ mentioned in 1:4–6.

2. Take each *spiritual blessing* phrase that you wrote above; define and/or explain what each means. Take some time on each phrase, study it, pray about it, take it apart, consider each word and reflect on it, praise the Lord for these spiritual blessings! You can use any of the verses provided for help, or find some on your own, as well as look up the definition of any word you would like more clarification on. For example; What does *chose (eklego in Greek)* mean? What is the definition of *predestined? Adoption as sons?* Etc... Matt. 25:34; John 17:24; 2 Tim. 1 9; Col. 1:22; Eph. 5:27; Rom. 8:15; Rom. 8:28-30; Job 14:5; Phil. 2:13; 2 Thess. 1:11-12; Isaiah 43:21.

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3. Fill in each box that is applicable for each row of verses:

VERSE	WHO IS CHOSEN	WHO CHOSE THEM	WHY WERE THEY CHOSEN	WHAT DID THEY DO TO BE CHOSEN
ISAIAH 45:4 & DEUT. 7:6-8				
ISAIAH 42:1				
GENESIS 18:18-20				
LUKE 9:35 & 1 PETER 2:6				
LUKE 6:13 & JOHN 15:16				
1 PETER 2:9-10 & 2 TIM. 1:9				
1 TIMOTHY 5:21				

4. As you reflect on the verses above what do you see as the common theme? What characteristic of God runs throughout these verses?

5. Do you see anything that has changed in the character of God, from the Old Testament verses to the New Testament verses?

6. Read Isaiah 46:9-11. Do you agree that God's sovereignty is an essential aspect of His being, without which He ceases to be God? Explain.

7. Take time to reflect on the implications of Ephesians 1:3-6 for your own life today. What is the Lord doing in you to bring glory to Himself?

*****EXTRA CREDIT***** You are not required to answer but get a treat if you do. (🌸◡◡)

Many struggle with the fairness of God's sovereignty in electing some to salvation. How does an understanding of mercy and justice help here? Site verses.

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What do these verses confirm to you in times of questioning? Dan. 4:35; Rom. 9: 20; Rom. 11: 33-36; Isaiah 55:8-9.

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