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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of September 16, 2018

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MY STORY

1

This weekend we were reminded that God blesses us by choosing us in Christ and through the Holy Spirit. What is the significance of Him choosing us?

How do you show gratitude towards God for choosing you?

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What does this passage reveal about the role of Christ in our being chosen?

What does this passage reveal about our role in this process?

Knowing that we are blessed by being chosen in Christ and through the Holy Spirit, how should we respond?

DIGGING DEEPER

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Looking at the passage below, how does Peter describe a life of being holy and blameless?

1 Peter 1:14-19, ESV – ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

What needs to change in your life to be more “holy in all your conduct”?

2

When reading verses about our adoption in Christ, we see that we are fully united with Him as heirs. What insight do the following verses give regarding how we should live in light of this understanding?

Rom 8:12-17, ESV – ¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Gal 4:1-7, ESV – ¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

In what specific ways are you still living as a slave to the flesh?

God has provided the Spirit to those whom He has chosen. How should you live in light of this understanding?

3

This Weekend, we learned that one of our blessings from God is that we are chosen. Based on the passages below, what is God’s ultimate purpose in choosing us?

1 Peter 2:9-10, ESV – ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Psalms 63:1-4, ESV – ¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. ⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

How do these passages give clarity to your purpose as a child of God?

TAKING IT HOME

As you think through the sermon and this week’s study, is there anything you’d like to focus on or change in the coming week?

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PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Deut 7:6-8

Isa 43:20-21

John 15:16

Rom 8:18-30

Rom 9:1-29

2 Thess 2:13-17

2 Tim 1:8-10

Col 1:21-23