2Thess #117

Election and Predestination

Please keep (Riley) Rileigh M in our prayers. This is a young, teenage girl, she is fighting Leukemia. The family is friendly Rob and Marla, this young lady is already involved in chemo therapy - so please keep the prayers coming.

Agnese is the other young lady who is still having medical issues as well.

Let us pick up today in Romans chapter 8 Royal Family.

/Every Believer shares in the election and destiny of the humanity of Christ. Jesus Christ upon sitting down at the right hand of the Father (session), had completed the victory for all of humanity. The cross paid for the sins of the whole world. All Bels are identified with Jesus Christ at salvation by Baptism of the Spirit (Eph 4:4-5) not water. We are RETROACTIVELY identified (positional truth) with HIS persecution, death and burial. We had a death of self (OSN) at salvation.\

Remember - water baptism was a public display and a temporary lesson of the death, burial and resurrection in Christ.

 It was symbolic and performed during the early formation of the church of Jesus Christ.

There is only one scripture that hints to the fact that Jesus may have been there one time when the apostles baptized early church members in water.

Jesus Himself, did not make an issue of water baptism.

The Apostle Paul made no issue of water baptism at all – read…1Cor 1:14-17.

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Feel free to get water baptized, as long as you realize it has nothing to do with salvation or spiritual growth.

/The resurrection, ascension and session (current positional truth) fulfilled prophecy and was a legal proclamation of the Royal status of Jesus Christ. Our current positional truth is the factual status of the victory and same path and commission of Jesus Christ. We are born again and will receive a resurrection body and ascend into heaven as ROYALTY.\

Every Believer shares the election of Christ through the mechanics of positional sanctification —

/1Cor 1:2 To the church of God which is in Corinth, to **those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus**, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:

Your life (position) changed at salvation. It is all IN CHRIST, His work and His person are the core foundation.\

Jesus Christ was ordained or anointed by GOD the Father as the only one who could pass the judicial process.

Everything is filtered through the justice system of GOD, not the love of GOD…the justice of GOD has to first be satisfied.

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Notice what the Apostle Paul wrote in verse 30 of 1Corinthians chapter one.

/1Cor 1:30 But *it is* due to Him *that* you are **in Christ Jesus**, who became to us wisdom from God, and **righteousness** and **sanctification**, and **redemption**, 31 so that, just as it is written: “LET THE ONE WHO BOASTS, **BOAST IN THE LORD.”**

*En* *Christos* (in Christ) to be brought into the anointed messiah, the chosen ONE. The savior who was commissioned and given superior or divine administration. \

END CHRIS-TOSS, to be indwelt or to become part of, to be inside or brought in to the CHOSEN ONE – the anointed one.

It is due to GOD the Fathers perfect grace plan, from eternity past, that everything is in TLJC.

Look what the Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians;

/Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly *places* **in Christ**, 4 just as **He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love\

Because TLJC has always been holy and blameless because HE IS GOD. Even within the doctrine of the Hypostatic Union when Christ became 100 % human, and Jesus in HIS humanity, could sin - like the first Adam…HE did not.

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/[Eph 1:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/1/5/s_1098005) **He predestined us** to adoption as sons *and daughters* **through Jesus****Christ to Himself**, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Because GOD looks down the corridors of time, HE knew the humanity of Christ would succeed in an abundant fashion. This predestined all Bels to have a divine victory.\

This means that we are related to Christ in His death by positional truth, His resurrection, ascension and session.

This means that we have a purpose and a destiny inside the plan of God.

Look at Romans 8;

Rom 8:26 Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

Our Triune GOD does all the work when we agree to adjust ourselves to HIS justice system and walk in our New Nature.

It is the mixture of our flesh…the old man and the cosmic system that cause us to stumble and brings us misery.

[Rom 8:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/27/s_1054027) and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of* God.

God the HS was given as our power and connection to God’s divine guidance and wisdom. Jesus called the HS – our HELPER.

The comforter - the legal advisor, read what Jesus said about the HS for the CA in John chapters 14 thru chapter 16.

The combination of the mind of Christ (Bible Doctrine) while filled by GOD the HS is an incredible power source.

That is what we call our 2 power options.

Another unique blessing just for the CA dispensation.

/[Rom 8:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/28/s_1054028) And **we know that God causes**(*synergeō*) **all things to work together**(*synergeō*) **for good to those who love God**, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Much of this written in a present tense - GOD is always working alongside of us, helping, guiding and informing the POSITIVE Believer.\

SIN-AH-GAY-O, this means to take partnership in labor, to work alongside.

The root word means a fellow worker.

One who carries the burden with you and at times takes it for you.

Used twice to emphasize the importance of GOD working with us and in many cases, carrying the load for us.

Notice the love (*agapaō*), points to our union with TLJC and if we are walking actively in that Christ-like nature. Then and only then are things working out inside the plan of GOD.

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Because then and only then are we walking in our destiny and election which is IN CHRIST…our calling, according to HIS PLAN.

/[Rom 8:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/29/s_1054029) **For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined** *to become* **conformed to the image of His Son,** so that **He would be the firstborn** among many brothers *and sisters;*

GOD foreknew and predestined in eternity past. GOD KNEW who would come to believe upon Christ. Firstborn points to HIS humanity.\

FOREKNEW – is the Greek word *proginōskō,* (PROG-OH-NO-SCHO). It is where we get our English word, prognosis from. To know or have a view in advance. To see what is coming ahead or predict something due to knowledge of what may lay ahead.

This is why the term – the PERSON and WORK of TLJC is so prevalent to digest.

[Rom 8:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/30/s_1054030) and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

[Rom 8:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/31/s_1054031) What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?

In God’s perfect plan all people who believe upon the person and work of TLJC are entered into a union with Christ.

This is the strategical victory of the angelic conflict. The strategical victory was planned in eternity past and we are also related to that victory in eternity past — doctrine of election and predestination.

/Every Believer is divine Royalty, an ambassador and priest, it is tied into strategic victory in eternity past, at the cross, and at the right hand of the Father where Christ is glorified as the high priest. We are tied into every facet of strategical victory. We are entered into union with Christ, the baptism of the Holy Spirit accomplishes all of these.\

 Whenever you hear the word “predestination” it simply means that in eternity past God the Father ordained in the divine decrees that Jesus Christ would have a glorious destiny, a destiny in which He would be glorified in His humanity as a royal priest. Also in HIS kingship in the line of David.

/Predestination has to do with the Believer’s royal priesthood, it also pointing to our union with Christ. The Bel is related to God at the point of the planning of strategic victory, because of retroactive positional truth. Election is the present as well as the future possession of every Bel within current positional truth. Therefore, election is the temporal as well the eternal possession of every Believer.\

God knew in eternity past that you would become a Bel, at a certain point you would accept the divine appointment.

/Jhn 15:16 “You did not choose Me but **I chose you, and appointed you** that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. (Col 3:12)

This election occurs at the moment of salvation for us. It occurs in a twofold ministry. We enter into union with Christ and we share His election & destiny.\

We enter into union with Christ and we share His destiny;

/2Tim 1:9 who saved us and **called us with a holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to **His own purpose and grace,** which was **granted to us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,** (1Thes 1:4, 2Thes 2:13)

Election, is the foundation of the Church.\

The Church is actually made up of every person on the earth who is a royal priest. The Church age dispensation is a universal priesthood, not a bloodline Levitical order. Another symbol that the CA dispensation does not replace Israel.

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Orientation to election comes through Bible doctrine in the soul —

/Titus 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith **of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth** which is according to godliness, 2 in the hope of eternal life, **which God, who cannot lie**, **promised long ages ago,**

Believing Jews of the dispensation of Israel also had an election as a part of the plan of God — Rom 11:1-7\

Believers in every dispensation are written up in the election.

/In the election plan of God in eternity past for the initial birth of Israel, which represents a nation or people set apart by GOD, there were no universal priests. They were commissioned under a bloodline priesthood and only a few of them were priests in the family of Aaron of the tribe of Levi. Many were temple workers in Aaron’s bloodline. The shadow of Israel and the priesthood was a typology of the future CA Bels, led by the true, HIGH priest, Jesus Christ once HE sat down at the right hand.\

/The creation of Israel was a supernatural birth of a nation (a special group of people, God’s chosen) starting with father Abraham. The circumcision was the shadow/typology of the OSN being removed. It pointed forward to the CA dispensation after the Cross of Christ.\

/Yet Israel and the Church are two different dispensations with differing blessings and standards. A re-gathering of Israel will occur at the 2nd Advent. Many Israeli tradition/rituals will be on display in the 1,000 years of Christ on earth. No matter what dispensation it is, all are Christ-centered and begin with faith alone in Christ alone. Everything is fulfilled in Christ. At the death, burial, resurrection, ascension and session of Jesus Christ - all sins were dealt with, prophecy was fulfilled and royalty, glory and victory were sealed for all of eternity.\

When TLJC sat down at the right hand of GOD, it was as if a legal courtroom brought forth the final verdict. A Judge dropped the gavel – case closed.

Meaning election, predestination and all grace gifts and future prophecies were completed.

/The Lord Jesus Christ physically walked in the garden with the original man and woman. TLJC appeared to men like Abraham, Moses, Joshua and Jacob. The 3 years of ministry of Christ walked among us – the WORD became flesh. The CA is a time of invisible warfare, with no physical presence of Christ, except the completed canon of scripture (Mind of Christ). Christ physically will return in the clouds of the air, to gather HIS bride. Christ will physically return on earth at the 2nd Advent.\

There has never been a time on this earth since the garden, when TLJC was not present in some form or fashion for HIS chosen people.

/Jhn 6:44 “No one can come to Me **unless the Father who sent Me draws** (*helkō*) **him**; and I will raise him up on the last day.

There is an inward draw or an irresistible pulling on the human spirit. This comes from GOD placing people, environments and Common Grace, working in conjunction to bring a person into a divine appointment. (Ecc 3:11)\

HELL-CO, means a strong pulling or a leading away physically and mentally.

Everyone has an inward desire to know GOD.

God knew everyone from eternity past, HE is the author of everything.

 HE ordained you to have a life – HE elected and predestined all of us to be here.

The true, eternal election and predestination is only achieved in CHRIST. Which means free will must respond to the appointment.

Therefore, HE knew how many divine appointments you would need to finally come to believe upon HIS precious SON.

Anyone at the age of accountability and with a normal IQ, is called by GOD.

/God makes sure every person every born is presented with many divine appointments and supernatural callings, to draw them toward faith alone in Christ alone. Often it finally comes when tragedy or misery hit a person’s life. GOD places the invitations within environments, situations and people in our daily life. Common Grace is God the HS circling the Unbel with the gospel repetitively and making it understandable to a dead spirit.\