

"Predestined"

1 Thessalonians & 2 Thessalonians

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"he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved." (Ephesians 1:5-6, ESV)

God Has Predestined His Children Not To Wrath But For Salvation Through Jesus Christ, (vs. 5: 9)

- I. We must pay much closer attention to what we believe about God's work of salvation, (vs. 1: 1 – 3: 13)
 - A. God's choice of His children for salvation is manifest in real-life terms, (vs. 1: 1 – 10)
 - The reality is that God's grace in salvation cannot be hidden or minimized, (vs. 5b – 7)
 1. God's grace in salvation is seen through the witness of faithful believers, (vs. 5b – 6a); *"Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed." (Luke 8:35-36, ESV)*
 2. God's grace in salvation changes who one is and therefore changes how one lives, (vs. 6b – 7); *"Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him." (Luke 8:37-39, ESV)*

- B. God's choice of His children for salvation results in correctness & purity, (vs. 2: 1 - 20)
 - C. God's choice of His children for salvation motivates believers to see God's work in others, (vs. 3: 1 - 13)
- II. We must pay much closer attention to how we put into practice what we say we believe, (vs. 4: 1 - 5: 28)
- A. The revelation of God requires that His children live in holiness & purity not lustful passions, (vs. 4: 1 - 12)
 - B. The revelation of God requires that His children be informed about the reality of the last day, (vs. 4: 13 - 5: 11)
 - C. The revelation of God requires that His children are found blameless at the Lord's return, (vs. 5: 12 - 28)
- III. We must pay much closer attention to why we must live with self discipline under God's word, (2 Ths. 1: 1-3: 18)
- A. The wrath of God is a very present reality for those who do not believe the gospel, (vs. 1: 1 - 12)
 - B. The wrath of God is a very present reality governed by the ordained decrees of God, (vs. 2: 1 - 17)
 - C. The wrath of God is a very present reality that must be avoided even in its temporal aspects, (vs. 3: 1 - 18)