

拣选：上帝在基督里拣选了你

Election – God choosing you in Christ

你为什么会成为基督徒？以弗所书 1:4, 2:10; 帖撒罗尼迦后书 2:13及下文; 马太福音 25:34

也许你会回答说，是因为我相信了主耶稣基督，把他当成我的救主，或者你也许会说，是因为上帝拯救了我。你的回答都是正确的，不过，对于这个问题，还有更多的真理值得我们来一同探讨。

到底是你自己主动相信了上帝，还是上帝先拣选了你，这两者哪一个先发生呢？事实上，根据圣经当中的真理，上帝在创建大地的根基以前就已经有一个计划了，而就在那个计划当中，已经包括了他要拣选你成为一个基督徒，也就是拣选你，要使你能够来信靠耶稣基督。你可以反复地去思考以弗所书一章4节的那句经文，看看上帝对你是何等地疼爱，他在创造世界之前，更是在你出生到这个世界之前，就已经顾念你、思想你了。上帝在永恒的去当中就在基督里拣选了你，为要使你成为圣洁（从这个世界的罪恶当中分别出来，归于上帝），并且无可指摘（在每天的生活当中，没有道德方面的缺陷）。

当你知道这个事实之后，你每天的所思所想和行事为人应该有什么改变呢？

- 1) 上帝拣选你，并不是根据你的行为是否完善。
- 2) 上帝拣选你乃是为着一个很好的目的，并要让你脱离罪恶和羞耻的辖制。
- 3) 上帝拣选你使你信靠基督，成为基督徒。
- 4) 这些真理应该帮助你对上帝和对生活更加充满自信。
- 5) 使我们每天都可以兴高采烈地生活，因为上帝自己，那位全能的上帝，虽然他完全不需要你，却是那样的关心你，还要拣选你，为着达成一个很好的目的。而且上帝对于这个世界有一个非常美好的计划，其中也包括你在内！
- 6) 使你知道自己的生命在上帝的眼中是非常宝贵的。
- 7) 使你可以学习来认识上帝，并且明白他为什么拣选了你。其实，在“相信耶稣基督”和“认识他”之间是有很大的区别的。我们必须借助学习才能够来认识神。

你做为一个基督徒，为什么还是不快乐，或者常常失败，或者有挫折感呢？难道你忘记了，上帝已经拣选了你，并且乃是按照他那美好的计划？也许今天，当你反省这些真理的时候，需要为你的罪和缺乏信心来悔改，并且转眼仰望上帝，坚持用神所启示出来的真理，来指导你的生活。

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Why are you a Christian? **Ephesians 1:4, 2:10**; 2 Thessalonians 2:13f; Matthew 25:34

You may say, because I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior or you may say because God saved me. And you are correct, but there is more truth as to why you are a Christian.

What came first, you believing in God or God choosing you? The truth is that before God created the foundation of the world God had a plan and that plan included choosing you to be a Christian, choosing you to believe in Jesus Christ. Read Ephesians 1:4 again and again and see how much God loves you to have thought of you before He created the world and before you were ever born. He chose you in eternity past in Christ to be holy (separated unto God and from the world's sins) and blameless (without moral defect in daily life).

How should this affect your daily thinking and actions?

- 1) God chose you based on nothing you ever did right or wrong.
- 2) God chose you for a good purpose, to be free from sin and shame.
- 3) God chose you to believe in Christ, to be a Christian.
- 4) These truths should help give you confidence in God and in life.
- 5) To rejoice daily that God Himself, almighty God, who does not need you but cared enough about you to choose you for a good purpose. God has a good plan for this world and it includes you.
- 6) To know your life is valuable to God.
- 7) To learn to know God and why He has chosen you. There is a great difference between believing in Jesus Christ and knowing Him. Study to learn to know God.

Why are you unhappy or defeated as a Christian? Have you forgotten God has chosen you for His good plan? Confess your sin and turn from it and believe God's truth today.