

## Ephesians 1:4-5 Discussion Questions

Please feel free to use the questions below for group discussion or individual study and reflection after listening to the audio and reading the notes. We trust the Holy Spirit will guide you in how to use them effectively. Please let us know if there are other resources or ways we can support you. Thank you for joining us on this journey and for pursuing truth.

1. We hit a lot of buzzwords this week. Take a moment to gage where your group is at concerning these terms. Ask your group how they currently understand:

Called:

Elected:

Chosen:

Predestined:

Adoption as Sons:

2. Does the word “chosen” ever equal “selected for salvation”?

Look up Isaiah 42:1 (quoted by Matthew). In this passage God calls Jesus “chosen.” Jesus was not born with a sin nature and never committed an act of sin. Since He was not in need of salvation, for what was Jesus chosen?

Read John 6:70. Were the Disciples chosen? What were they chosen for? If they were chosen for salvation, how is it possible that one (Judas) was considered a devil?

Was Israel chosen (Isaiah 44:1, Duet 7:8, Romans 11:28)? Romans chapter 2 explains that not all Jews are saved. If they were not chosen for salvation, why were they chosen?

(More on this in Digging Deeper on the next page.)

3. Read Eph. 1:5 and Romans 8:29. We were predestined for sure! To what are you predestined? Check out Romans 8:23 and 1 Corinthians 15:42-57 to discover the truth!

4. How does this week’s teaching sit with you? Is there anything you haven’t considered before? List those things you disagree with and Scriptures that support your thoughts?

5. Does Eph. 1:4-5 effect your perceptions of the heart of God? What does it tell you about Him?

**Digging Deeper:**

Look into the marriage between God and the nation of Israel. God chose Israel (Isaiah 44:1) to be his wife (Exodus 19-20, 24:1-2, 9-11, Jeremiah 31:32) and bear a seed, the Messiah, Jesus Christ. (Also refer to Gen 3:15, Gal 3:16).

Look up the Scriptures that include the phrases “in Christ” and “in Him” in the New Testament. Write down any new revelations God provides you.