

“His Choice and Your Choice”
Genesis 25:12–34
September 10, 2023

His Choice (Genesis 25:19–26)

“When Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”” (Romans 9:10–12)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself 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 1:3–6)

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” (Romans 8:28–30)

“Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God’s sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.” (“The Baptist Faith and Message 2000”)

“You did not choose me, but I chose you.” (John 15:16)

Your Choice (Genesis 25:27–34)

“Their god is their belly.” (Philippians 3:19)

“See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no ‘root of bitterness’ springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.” (Hebrews 12:15–17)

“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.” (John 6:37)

“All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts,

and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.” (“The Baptist Faith and Message 2000”)

Notes

Discuss

- How do you know that God chose you? If a friend asked you, “How can I know if God has chosen me?”, how would you respond to them (consider how your response might be different to a Christian and a non-Christian)?
- Why does the doctrine of election exclude boasting and promote humility?
- What might be some negative consequences of someone wrongly thinking that God’s choice makes their choices irrelevant?

Read

Romans 9:1–29; Philippians 3:17–21; Hebrews 12:12–17

Pray

- That God will give you assurance of your salvation because of his election of you.
- That God will help you to value his promised blessing like you should.

Bulletin

- Women’s Bible Study (Twelve Weeks): Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Men’s Breakfast: September 16 at 8:00am
- Members’ Meeting: September 24 at 5:00pm
- Trunk or Treat: October 29 (time TBD)