

Introduction To 1st Peter

(Part 5)

Understanding Election & Predestination

1 Peter 1:1



1st PETER: the Details

- **WHO WROTE IT?**
The Apostle Peter
- **WHEN?**
Early 60s A.D. (64 A.D.)
- **TO WHOM?**
Dispersed Messianic Jews,
in modern-day Turkey
- **FROM WHERE?**
Babylon
- **WHY?**
To encourage and strengthen
suffering believers
- **HOW?**
Emphasizing **hope, glory,** and
Jesus' example; reliance upon
grace

“How it was ordained by the foreknowledge and decree of God what man’s future was without God being implicated as associate in the fault as the author or approver of transgression, is clearly a secret so much excelling the insight of the human mind, that I am not ashamed to confess ignorance... I daily so meditate on these mysteries of his judgments that curiosity to know anything more does not attract me.”

God's unconditional election (3)

1. God chose **Israel**
2. God chose **servants** (prophets/messengers/apostles)
3. God chose to invite **all people**

God's conditional election (1)

4. God chooses **individuals** who accept the invitation
(Those who **believe** in Jesus—'clothed' in His righteousness)

Gen. 12:1-2 (ESV)

“Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. (2)And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.’”



Deut. 7:7 (ESV)

“It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples...”



1 Corinthians 1:27 (ESV)

"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong"



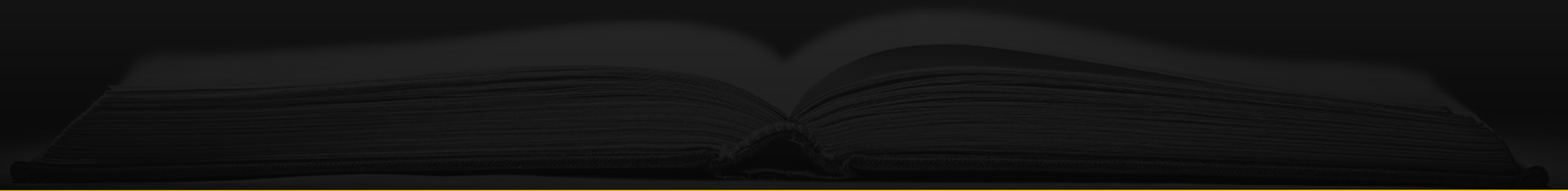
1 Cor. 1:21 (NLT)

“Since God in His wisdom saw to it that the world would never know Him through human wisdom, He has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.”



John 15:16 (ESV)

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you...”



Rom. 1:16 (ESV)

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”



1 Tim. 2:4 (ESV)

"[God our Savior] who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."



Gal. 3:27 (NIV)

“for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”



1 Cor. 15:22 (ESV)

"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."



Eph. 1:4-6 (ESV)

“even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love (5) He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, (6) to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved”



Eph. 1:1-2 (ESV)

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:
(2) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



Paul explains PREDESTINATION in Ephesians 1

- v. 1: Paul's audience: those “in Christ Jesus”
 - vv. 13-14: believers; sealed in the Spirit

Eph. 1:13-14 (NIV)

“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, (14)who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.”



2 Cor. 1:21-22 (ESV)

“And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, (22)and who has also put His seal on us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

2 Cor. 5:5 (ESV)

“He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.”



Eph. 1:3-11 (ESV)

"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, (4)even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love (5)He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, (6)to the praise of his glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. (7)In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, (8)which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight (9)making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ (10)as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth. (11)In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will"

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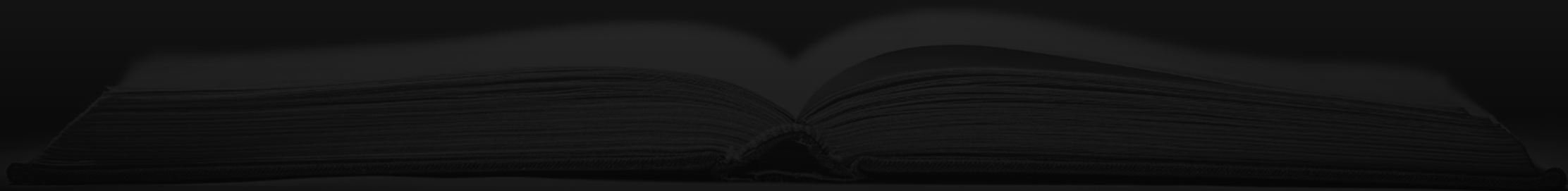
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God has **predestined** every believer to:

- receive every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places
- become holy and blameless
- become adopted as sons/daughters
- be redeemed through Jesus' blood and receive forgiveness of all sins
- be lavished in His grace
- be united with Him forever

1 Tim. 2:3-6 (ESV)

"This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, (4)who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (5)For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, (6)who gave Himself as a ransom for all..."



John 3:16-17 (ESV)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (17) For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

