

Text: Ephesians 1:3-6; Romans 8:28-30
Topics: Calling & Election of God
Series: So Great a Salvation

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The Beginning of Salvation

I. Chosen? (Ephesians 1:3-6)

Every Christian was first chosen and predestined by God for salvation in Christ.

II. Called? (Romans 8:28-30)

God foreknew and predestined those whom He would call to salvation and conformity to Christ.

God is the initiator and we are the responders in our salvation.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. When you were growing up what was your experience with teams being picked for games? Why?

2. Read Ephesians 1:3-6. In verse 3 Paul urges his readers to bless (or praise) God who has blessed them. What blessings is he talking about?

What does "He chose us" mean and what is its purpose?

What does "He predestined us" mean and why did God do it?

Why is this doctrine (called election) difficult for many people to accept?

What would be some appropriate, and inappropriate, responses to this doctrine?

3. Read Romans 8:28-30. Who is Paul talking about?

What does Paul say God has done for them?

What is God's purpose in doing this for them?

Explain the "good" (v. 28) that God causes, and how what we might call "bad" things fit. Give an example.

4. Reflect of being chosen and called, and God's purposes for your life. What is a fitting response?