

The Elect, Lost Sheep And Redemption

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I. The Elect

a. Yeshua The Elect

Isa 42:1 *Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.*

Mat 12:18 *Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.*

b. Israel

Deu 7:6 *For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: **the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.***

Deu 7:7 *The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:*

c. Gentiles

1Pe 1:1 *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*

1Pe 1:2 *Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

Note:

In the OT the English word chosen is translated from the Hebrew word ‘bachar’ [verb] through Scripture as a witness to God’s sovereign grace—from patriarchal promise, through Davidic kingship, to messianic fulfillment and future restoration.

In the NT the English words ‘elect’ and ‘chosen’ are translated from the Greek word ‘eklektos’ [adjective] and ‘eklegomai’ [verb]

II. The Sheep

Jer 50:6 *My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.*

Joh 10:16 *And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.*

III. Lost Sheep

Eze 34:16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

Mat 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

Mat 10:6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Act 15:13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

Act 15:14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

Act 15:15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

Act 15:16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

Act 15:17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

- a. Lost sheep of the House of Israel
- b. Lost sheep of Gentiles

IV. How The Sheep Got Lost

Jer 50:6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

- a. Bad shepherds
- b. We have chosen our own way and sinned against YAHWEH.

V. Limited Atonement

Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

1Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

1Jn 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Joh 10:15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

- a. All have sinned but salvation in Yeshua is available only to those who are given the faith to trust in Him.
- b. Christ's Blood is enough to pay for the sins of the world, but salvation only comes to the Elect.
- c. Yeshua declared in Jn 10:15 that He died for the sheep which the Father gave Him.
- d. Only His sheep will hear His voice and follow Him.
- e. Only His sheep will have eternal life.

VI. Redemption

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

1Jn 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

1Jn 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

- a. Is redemption for all?
- b. Men who love darkness will not come to the Light.
- c. Although redemption is available to all only those who confess that Yeshua is the Son of YAHWEH finds salvation.

VII. God's Sovereignty: Election, Foreknowledge, Predestination in Christ

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

*Eph 1:5 Having **predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself**, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

*Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us **accepted in the beloved**.*

*Eph 1:7 In whom we have **redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace;*

Eph 1:8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

*Eph 1:11 In whom also **we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated** according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*

Eph 1:12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

*Eph 1:13 In whom **ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**,*

Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

- a. Chosen to be holy and blameless, via the foreknowledge of God before the foundation of the world

***Joh 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you,** that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

- b. He chose us although we appear to choose Him.
- c. Predestinated us to be adopted as His children with inheritance
- d. Redemption through His blood, forgiveness of sins
- e. Sealed with the Holy Spirit until salvation

VIII. The Gospel

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Rom 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

- a. The preaching of the gospel is the means to find the lost sheep
- b. As the gospel is heard, YAHWEH grants faith to His chosen ones
- c. The Elect respond in repentance, a gift of the Holy Spirit:

Act 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, **then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.**

IX. Ordained to Eternal Life

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, **they were pricked in their heart**, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Act 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: **it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

Act 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for **he is a chosen vessel unto me**, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Act 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as **were ordained to eternal life believed.**

Act 16:14 And a certain woman named **Lydia**, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: **whose heart the Lord opened**, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

- a. At the first Pentecost, hundreds of thousands, if not millions heard Peter speak but only 3000 were able to respond because their hearts were pricked by the Holy Spirit.
- b. Likewise, Paul was pricked and chosen [Act 9:5,15].
- c. In Act 13:48, only those Gentiles who were ordained [elected] to eternal life were able to believe.
- d. In Act 16:14, Lydia found faith because YAHWEH opened her heart.