


FIRST
THESSALONIANS

What does “chosen by God” mean?

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that
he has chosen you,

1 Thessalonians 1:4 (NIV)





If you are saved, it's because you were chosen by God before the foundation of the earth.

The sovereign God of creation foreknew you. He predestined you.

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Ephesians 2:1 (NIV)



But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:1 (NIV)



For **he chose us in him before the creation of the world** to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accord with his pleasure and will—

Ephesians 1:4–5 (NIV)



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Unconditional election

Unconditional Election teaches that God, before the foundation of the world, chose to save people not because of anything He saw in them, but purely out of His grace and purpose.

His choice is not based on our future faith, good works, or merit—salvation begins with God's initiative, not ours.

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Ephesians 1:4–6 (NIV)



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Conditional Election

Conditional Election teaches that God chooses people for salvation based on His foreknowledge of who will freely respond to the gospel in faith.

God desires all to be saved, and His election is “conditioned” on a person’s future choice to trust in Christ.

God looks ahead and
makes it possible for all
who will choose to believe
in Jesus to be saved.



who have been **chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father**, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

1 Peter 1:2 (NIV)



For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Romans 8:29–30 (NIV)



For “**whoever** calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Romans 10:13 (NKJV)



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that **whoever believes in him** shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NIV)



The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)



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*God knows the elect, but I don't. The
whosoever wills are the elect. The whosoever
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— D.L. Moody

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I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God **so that you may know that you have eternal life.**

1 John 5:13 (NIV)



And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life,
and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have
the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:11–12 (NIV)



Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

John 3:3 (NIV)



Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort
to confirm your calling and election.

For if you do these things, you will never stumble,

2 Peter 1:10 (NIV)



What exactly is “the gospel”?

- What does “chosen by God” mean?
- If I am saved, there will be evidence in my life

because our gospel came to you not simply with words
but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep
conviction. You know how we lived among you for your
sake.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NIV)



Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:1–4 (NIV)



For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures**, that **he was buried, that he was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:1–4 (NIV)



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From the very beginning when Adam and Eve rebelled against God in the Garden of Eden, God had a plan to make it possible for our relationship with Him to be restored.

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Genesis 3:21 (NIV)



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God looks ahead and sees the choice we will make about Jesus and makes it possible for all who will believe in Jesus to be saved.

What is the Gospel?

- 1. Christ died for our sins.*
- 2. According to scripture.*
- 3. He was buried and rose again on the third day.*

When I share the gospel, the Holy Spirit works to convince people of their need for Jesus

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And when he comes, he will convict the world
of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the
coming judgment.

John 16:8 (NLT)



For 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.

Romans 1:16 (NIV)





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All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching,
rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)



For **the word of God is alive and powerful**. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)



It is the same with my word. I send it out, and **it always produces fruit.**

It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

Isaiah 55:11 (NLT)



Their faith in God became known everywhere!

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And so **you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere.**

Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us.

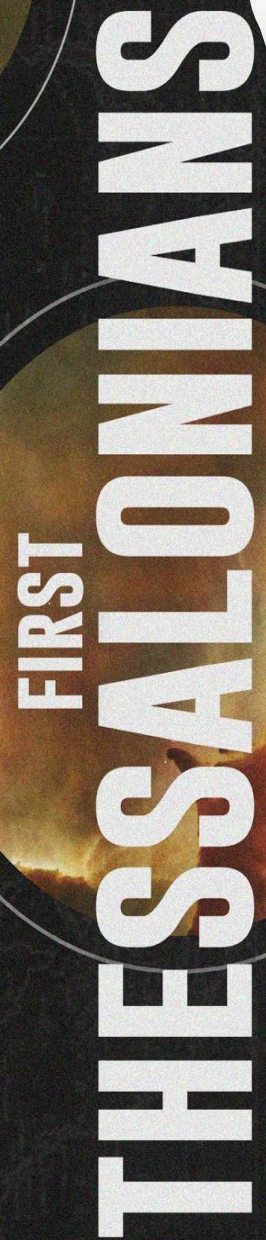
1 Thessalonians 1:7–10 (NIV)



They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.


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