# Our Selection In Christ



"BEST TALENT AVAILABLE"

### **BIBLICAL PRE-DESTINATION**

• "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 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." Rom. 8:29-30

#### BIBLICAL PRE-DESTINATION

- "He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will" Eph. 1:5
- "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" Eph. 1:11

## GOD'S SELECTION/ELECTION

- "Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him" – Eph. 1:4
- "So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace" Rom. 11:5
- 3 times in Matt. 24 Jesus refers to His "elect"
- "Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect..." II Tim. 2:10

### HOW DO THEY GO TOGETHER?

#### **Predestination**

- Eph. 1:4 "chose us IN HIM before the foundation of the world"
- Eph. 1:5 "predestined us...THROUGH JESUS CHRIST"

#### **Free Will**

- You have the choice to be in Jesus or not.
- You have the choice to be a son through Jesus or not.

#### **OUR SELECTION IN CHRIST**

- Not Based On Merit
  - Deut. 7:6-8
  - Rom. 11:5-6
    - "otherwise grace would no longer be grace"

## Three Quick Applications

- Let's Rejoice Over Our Selection!
- •We're All Equal, One In Christ
- Confidence In Salvation

In the pre-creation kingdom of heaven draft, the Lord God of heaven and earth selects..... THOSE IN CHRIST