

CHOSEN BY GRACE

KILLING PRIDE THROUGH SOVEREIGN GRACE

Sermon Questions

1. Are you ready to be humbled today? (Yes/No/Not Sure)
2. All people tend to think they are deserving compared to other people. (True/False)
3. How many times in Deut. 9 does God tell Israel it was *not* because of them that he chose them? _____
4. Election and predestination are terms found throughout the Bible. (Yes/No)
5. List at least two passages in the New Testament that teach on election:

6. The two natural objections to the doctrine of election are:
 - i. There is _____ on God's part.
 - ii. Man cannot be responsible (his _____ don't matter).
7. Who said, "There but for the grace of God go I"? _____
8. List two New Testament passages that teach election so that we would not boast:

9. If man's choice is the decisive factor in salvation, it give ground for _____.
10. If we would be free from boasting and by humble, we must:
 - i. Consider God's great _____.
 - ii. Consider how _____ you are to receive such mercy.
 - iii. Boast in _____ and give thanks to him always for all things.

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon emphasized that we all tend to compare ourselves with others and feel superior in some way. Where in your own life do you most often struggle with subtle pride (e.g., comparing yourself spiritually, morally, intellectually, or in success)?
2. The doctrine of election teaches that our salvation is not ultimately because we chose God, but because God first chose us by grace. How does this truth challenge the common idea that “I’m a Christian because I made the right decision”? In what ways does understanding election as God’s gracious choice increase your humility and gratitude rather than pride?
3. John Bradford’s saying, “There but for the grace of God goes John Bradford,” was highlighted in the sermon. When you see someone else struggling with sin or facing its consequences, what usually goes through your mind? How can regularly remembering God’s sovereign grace toward you change the way you view both yourself and others who are still outside of Christ?
4. The sermon closed by saying the doctrine of election should lead us to humble gratitude instead of boasting. Looking at 1 Corinthians 1:26–31 and Ephesians 2:1–9, what practical changes would it make in your daily life and conversations if you truly believed that everything you have in Christ is “not your own doing” but a gift of God’s grace? How can we help each other fight pride and boast only in the Lord this week?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. In the Bible story today, God told his people many times that he was *not* giving them the land because they were better than the other nations. Why do you think God chose them and gave them good things anyway? What does this teach us about why God loves and chooses us?
2. The sermon talked about how we sometimes think we’re better than others who do wrong things. But the truth is, we are all sinners and the only reason we know and love Jesus is because of God’s kindness and grace. Can you think of a time when you felt “I’m better than that person”? How does remembering “There but for the grace of God go I” help us be humble and kind instead of proud?