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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
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OF THE BELIEVER

God Desires All to Be Saved

Eph 1:4-5

Eph. 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Eph. 1:4, “just as He chose 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 predestined us to adoption as sons 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, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.”

“that he considered nothing outside himself with which to be concerned in making his decree Surely the grace of God deserves alone to be proclaimed in our election only if it is freely given. Now it will not be freely given if God, in choosing his own, considers what the works of each shall be.”

~Calvin, *Institutes*

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Eph. 1:9, “having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed [vb. *protithemi* (n. *prothesis*)] in Himself,”

**Eph. 1:11, “In Him also we have obtained
an inheritance, being predestined [because
we (who are in Him) were pre-ordained]
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1 Pet. 1:2, “elect [*choice ones*] according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in [*by means of*] sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”

Matt. 22:14, “For many are called, but few are choice.”

Isa. 61:10, “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”

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Three key terms to help understand the “will of God.”

- 1. God’s revealed will, that which is commanded and directed in Scripture.**
- 2. God’s permissive will: what God allows the individual to do in limited freedom, especially with reference to eternal destiny and the spiritual life.**
- 3. God’s overruling will, which works out human history to His ultimate purpose.**

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Rom. 9:15, “For He says to Moses, ‘*I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.*’ ”

Rom. 9:6, “But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel,

Rom. 9:7, “nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, ‘In Isaac your seed shall be called.’ ”

Romans 9:8, “That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.”

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Genesis 25:22, “But the children struggled together within her; and she said, ‘If all is well, why am I like this?’ So she went to inquire of the LORD.

Genesis 25:23, “And the LORD said to her: ‘Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger.’ ”

Hebrews 12:15, “looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Hebrews 12:16, “lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

Hebrews 12:17, “For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.”

Mal. 1:1, “The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi.

Mal. 1:2, “ ‘I have loved you,’ says the Lord. ‘Yet you say, “In what way have You loved us?” Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?’ says the Lord. ‘Yet Jacob I have loved;’ ”

Mal. 1:3, “ ‘But Esau I have hated, and laid waste his mountains and his heritage for the jackals of the wilderness.’

Mal. 1:4, “Even though Edom has said, ‘We have been impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places,’ thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘They may build, but I will throw down; They shall be called the Territory of Wickedness, and the people against whom the Lord will have indignation forever.’ ”

Exodus 33:19, “Then He said, ‘I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.’ ”