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Chosen to Bear Fruit

John 15:16

I. Chosen by God

A. You did _____ choose Him (Rom. 3:10-11; 8:5-8)

B. He chose _____ (Eph. 1:4; Rom. 9:21-23)

1. _____ did He choose us? (Rom. 8:29; Acts 2:23; Acts 17:30)

2. _____ did He choose us? (Eph. 1:4; Jn. 14:15; 15:9-10, 14)

II. Appointed to Bear Fruit

A. _____ Sanctification - "No Fruit Necessary" (Jn. 15:5-6; Matt. 7:19-20; 1 Jn. 2:19)

B. _____ Sanctification - "Progressing towards Christ-likeness" (Phil. 1:6; 1 Pet. 1:22; Phil. 2:12-13)

God's Role in Sanctification

1. Extending grace to us (Titus 2:11-12)

2. _____ for us (Rom. 8:26, 34)

3. Enlightening us (Eph. 1:17-18)

4. _____ us (2 Pet. 1:3)

5. Directing us (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

6. _____ us (Heb. 12:6)

7. Rewarding us (Heb. 11:6)

Your Role in Sanctification

1. Reading the Bible (Psa. 119:9-11)

2. _____ on Scripture (Josh. 1:8)

3. Praying to God (1 Thes. 5:17)

4. _____ Sin (1 Jn. 1:9)

5. Putting off and putting on (Eph. 4:22-24)

6. _____ yourself (Lk. 9:23)

7. Delighting in God (Psa. 37:4)

TAKE HOME

- How does it **impact** you to know that you were chosen by God?
- How does it **challenge** you to see that you were chosen to bear fruit?
- What is the **balance** between God's role and your role in your sanctification?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read John 15:16. Have you ever thought that you choose God instead of Him choosing you? How does Romans 3:10-11 and 8:5-8 help you think about this biblically?

2. Read Romans Eph. 1:4 and 9:21-23. According to these passages, who has the right to choose whom? What do you think this is? How do we process this?

3. Read Romans 8:29 and Acts 2:23. When did He choose you? How are we to biblically understand foreknowledge? How is it often confused? What is our job according to Acts 17:30?

4. Why did He choose us? (Eph. 1:4; Jn. 14:15; 15:9-10, 14) How do you live this out on a daily basis?

5. What is non-lordship sanctification? Why do some believe this? How does this contradict the following passages? (Jn. 15:5-6; Matt. 7:19-20; 1 Jn. 2:19)

6. What is lordship sanctification? How does Phil. 1:6; 1 Pet. 1:22; Phil. 2:12-13 teach us that this is both God’s job and our job as believers?

7. As you look over all of the points and passages that show God’s role in our sanctification, which one encourages you the most? Why?

8. As you look over all of the points and passages that show our role in our sanctification, which one challenges you the most? Why?

9. Read the take home points. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned?

“Sanctification is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.”

- Wayne Grudem