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God's Provisions for His Church

Section I

**Our Possessions
In Christ**

Chapters 1 thru 3

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**Our Blessings from the
Father**

Ephesians 1 : 3 thru 6

RECAP:

Blessing:

Eulogia...(gk) Means To speak well of, implies a benefit to the recipient.

Tangible Realities:

Needed to be successful in our process of Sanctification.

In Christ:

To be “organically” united with Christ through our response of faith to God’s gracious offer of eternal life in His Son, Jesus Christ. Our life is,”...hidden with the Messiah in God”

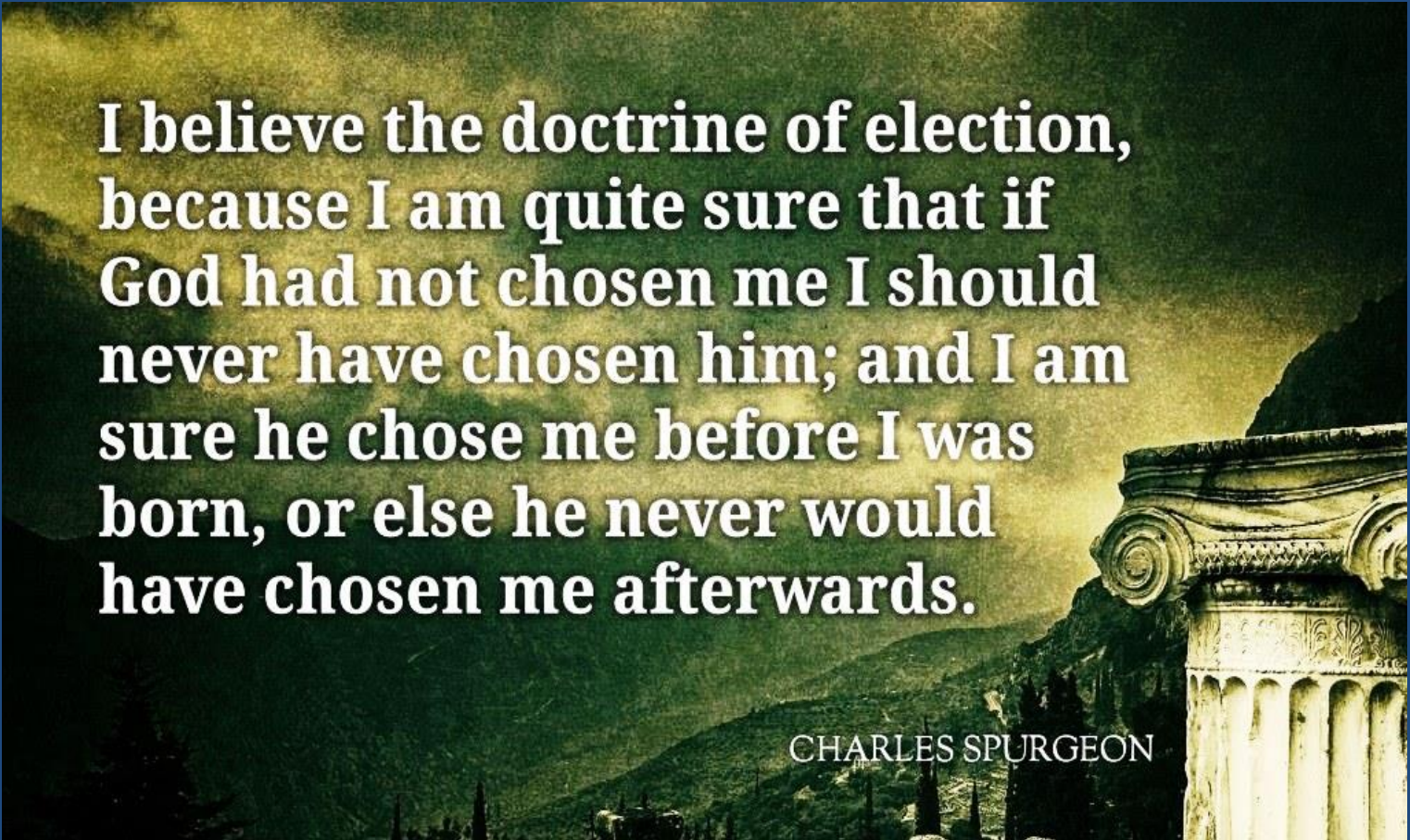
A Present, Spiritual Reality:

We don’t ask for them, they have already been promised.
(Joshua 1:1-3; Philippians 4:19)

I. He has chosen us:

A. Chosen = “Eklegomai” (gk)

To choose out from among a group/number for a purpose.

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**I believe the doctrine of election,
because I am quite sure that if
God had not chosen me I should
never have chosen him; and I am
sure he chose me before I was
born, or else he never would
have chosen me afterwards.**

CHARLES SPURGEON

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Abram: Gen 12:1-3

Israel: Deut. 7:6-8, Isa 42:6

David: 1 Sam. 16:1, 11-12

Solomon: 1 Chron. 28:10

Jeremiah: Jer. 1:4-5 (While still in the womb)

N.T.

Twelve Apostles: Lk 6:13-16

Peter: Acts 15:7

Paul: Acts 9:15

Jesus: Lk 9:35; 23:35

Believers/Saints: Jn. 17:20-26

In the very beginning, when this great universe lay in the mind of God, like unborn forests in the acorn cup; long ere the echoes awoke the solitudes; before the mountains were brought forth; and long ere the light flashed through the sky, God loved His chosen creatures. Before there was any created being—when the ether was not fanned by an angel's wing, when space itself had not an existence, when there was nothing save God alone—even then, in that loneliness of Deity, and in that deep quiet and profundity, His bowels moved with love for His chosen. Their names were written on His heart, and then were they dear to His soul. **C.H. Spurgeon**

I. He has chosen us:

B. Before the foundation of the World

It was His sovereign choice: **Jn. 15:16**

C. To be holy and blameless in His sight

We were chosen for a purpose: **1 Peter 2:9**

1. Holy, hagios (gk) = consecrated/set apart.

2. Blameless, amōmos (gk) without blemish, faultless. **As a sacrificial lamb.**

The goal of our sanctification/ what He sees as we are “in Christ”.

By necessity the doctrine of Unconditional Election flows from the belief of human depravity. Because the will of man is utterly dead (**Rom. 3:9-16**) and cannot choose God, God must exercise His sovereign will to save. Out of the mass of fallen humanity God made an eternal distinguishing choice. Before the foundation of the world He determined who He would save. **“Were it not for God’s choice of His elect, none would be saved”** C.H. Spurgeon

II. He has predestined us unto adoption

A. Predestined, *poorizō* (gk) to predetermine, or decide beforehand.

1. Events leading up to Christ's crucifixion

Acts 4:25-28

2. Our adoption is predestined *Eph. 1:4*

3. Our conformity to Christ *Rom. 8:29-30*

4. Our future inheritance in Christ *Eph. 1:11*

B. Adopted, *huiiothesia* (gk) the placing as a son.

1. Has a dual meaning, present and future.

a. Present, we are brought into God's family as sons

b. Future, *Rom. 8:22-23*

We don't get into God's family via adoption, but only by the New Birth. *Jn. 3:1-18; 1 Peter 1:22-25*

II. He has predestined us unto adoption

C. Through Jesus Christ, for Himself, to the praise of His glorious grace

1. The Cause of this: Through Jesus Christ
2. The Manner: To Himself/According to His good pleasure and will
3. The End: To the praise of His glorious grace

III. He has graced, accepted, favored us in the beloved

A. Favored, *charitoō* (gk) to make accepted, be highly favored

1. Our acceptance by God has nothing to do with us
2. “in the Beloved” is being in Christ

“And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying, *Abba, Father*. So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God” Gal. 4:6-7