

“Why Me, Lord?” Celebrating Unconditional Election

Lamentations 3:39 Why should any living mortal, or any man, Offer complaint in view of his _____?

An Old, Old _____

- **Ephesians 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, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him _____ the foundation of the world ...
- **Titus 1:1** Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those _____ of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, ² in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised _____ (KJV: *before the world began*)
- **Hebrews 13:20** Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through *the blood of the* _____ *covenant*, *even* Jesus our Lord ...

A Divine _____

Why did God _____ Isaac and not Ishmael?

- **Romans 9:1-16**
- **1 Corinthians 1:26-29** For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; ²⁷ but God has chosen the _____ things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the _____ things of the world to shame the things which are strong, ²⁸ and the _____ things of the world and the _____ God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no man may _____ before God.

Does God ever _____ people who _____ to love and serve Him?

- **Matthew 11:28** “Come to Me, _____ who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.”
- **John 7:37** ... Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If _____ is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.”
- **Ezekiel 18:32** “For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,” declares the Lord GOD. “Therefore, _____ and live.”

Does God’s _____ mean that we are not _____ for our _____ ?

- **Matthew 23:37** “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were _____.”
- **John 1:10-13** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
- **Romans 9:16** So then it *does* not *depend* on the _____ who wills or the _____ who runs, but on _____ who has mercy.
- **1 Corinthians 1:30-31** But _____ you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, ³¹ so that, just as it is written, “LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD.”

Why is it so important that we get this?

Election makes it clear that we are saved by grace _____:

- **Romans 9:11** for though *the twins* were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to *His* choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

It gives us hope that God will _____ us all the way until the end:

- **Philippians 1:6** *For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

It makes us _____ and _____ in our evangelism:

- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

A Great _____

- **Revelation 22:4** “They will see _____ ...”
- **Matthew 11:28** “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.”
- **John 3:16** “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”
- **1 Corinthians 1:30-31** But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, ³¹ so that, just as it is written, “LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD.”