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The Pastors Message:

God's Sovereignty Part 5 Subject: God's Love for the Elect Ephesians 1:4

God, before the foundation of the world **CHOSE US** to be His Children in Christ. He also promised that **WE** (the elect of God) will stand one glorious day before Him without blame for our sins, in love. This is as though we have never sinned, because Jesus Christ has cleansed the elect sinners of all sin making us pure holiness, as Adam was before the fall. What a thought to think about, what a glorious thing it is to be God's beloved child, and to know one day these elects will all stand before Him as though we have never committed a single sin! Now comes a very large question, **WHY**, why did God ever do anything for us? The answer is **LOVE**, this love is God's love for us who are the elect, it cannot be our love for Him because God first loved us. "*We love him, because he first loved us.*" 1 John 4:19 As we can clearly see, there is no possible way we could ever have loved God first, (1.) because God loved us before the foundation of the world and elected us to be His child, and (2.) lost sinners do not love God, they hate and despise Him, and they reject everything about Him that is truth. Therefore, the lost sinner will never love God unless God saves them by His grace. "*Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*" Romans 8:7 - 8 Because God is not what the lost person wants, they do not care about God loving them because they do not seek Him. "*There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*" Romans 3:11 But we, we who are elected and redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ are loved of God and we seek God's love in everything, and if we do not then we are not saved. Being saved is a love feast between God and His elect, we love Him and He loves us, and one glorious day we His children will stand before Him in heaven "in love" and without sin. Our Father loving us as children and us loving Him as our Eternal Father. The Father, because His love for us caused us to come to Christ, crying Abba Father. "*And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*" Galatians 4:6 - 7 Some people believe that God loves everyone because they take the scriptures out-of-context causing contradiction, they also believe that God sends the Holy Spirit into the hearts of everyone and people have the right to choose to accept or to deny the offer of salvation, also contradicting the scriptures. "*Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after*

*the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:" Romans 8:12 – 16 God the Father in Love prepared for us His elect, God sent His Son Jesus in the likeness of sinful flesh to die on that cross for His elect, and chose His Son's blood as a cleansing for sins of His elect. God also elected to send the Holy Spirit into our wicked hearts to work in us the resurrection of a dead spirit and causing us to believe, without failure. The only choosing was on God's part. People who are not saved never have liked this teaching because it eliminates the other remnant for ever being saved. However, God was not obligated to save one single soul, but God has the right and power to do as He chooses, and no one has a right to ask "what doist thou"?*

*"Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, **Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?**" Romans 9:18 – 21 What a blessing to be truly loved by God the Father!*

Priest-ism Brought to the Touchstone

By Charles H. Spurgeon

Can your "priest" grant you pardon? Did you offend the priest? Then the priest can forgive you for offending him; but he cannot forgive you for offending God!

1. No person in the Christian church, whether he be an apostle, an elder, or an evangelist, is ever spoken of in the New Testament as a priest; nor do we find the most distant allusion to the appointment of an order of priesthood.
2. For the work of the ministry, Christ "gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;" but never do we read of his giving priests. (Ephesians 4:11)
3. The apostle wrote Timothy and Titus particular directions relative to the appointment of bishops, deacons, etc.; but no mention is made of priests.
4. And why this silence of Scripture? Simply because the office of priests was unknown in the primitive church; and, moreover, in no way needed, for the weakest and humblest believer may now enter with boldness, even "into the holiest, by the blood of Jesus." (Hebrews 10:19)
5. Having so great a High Priest as Jesus the Son of God, who is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities," and "ever liveth to make intercession for us," what need we of any earthly priest? (Hebrews 4:15; 7:25)
6. Priestly confession is not needed; for if we confess our sins to the Lord, "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)
7. Priestly absolution is not needed; because the blood of Jesus Christ, and that alone, "cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)
8. Priestly intercession is not needed; for "if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." (1 John 2:1)
9. "No man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron;" but this cannot be said of any humanly-appointed priest. (Hebrews 5:4)
10. Every priest under the law was ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices for sin, and "without shedding of blood is no remission;" but no such sacrifices are now offered, nor are they needed, Christ "hath appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself," and "by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." (Hebrews 9:22, 26; 10:14)
11. But the Scriptures distinctly teach, that all believers, by virtue of their union with the Lord Jesus Christ, are made kings and priests unto God, a holy and a royal priesthood, "to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5, 9; Revelation 1:6)
12. From all this it clearly follows, that a humanly-appointed order of priesthood is a deceptive invention of man, and directly opposed to the teaching of Holy Scripture.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isaiah 8:20)