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## ***Please Join Us As We Pray For:***

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frankie Baldrige and daughter, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Poole, Danny & Nita Mollette, their cousin Kayla, The Muncy Family, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, Donna Johnson, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas, Clair and Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King, Tim Thomas and the Thomas family, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergej Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

## ***The Pastors Message:***

### **God's Sovereignty Part 6 Subject: Having predestinated us Ephesians 1:5a**

Here we find these blessed words, "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself...". Some people find it very difficult to understand that God could choose a people for His own, but at the same time do not find it difficult that God chose a Nation for Himself. These same people are what I call the deniers of God's Sovereignty, a doctrine that has been around since before the creation of the world. God has chosen to elect in so many ways that it is impossible to deny. God elected to create the world, populate it with many kinds of created beings but elected to bless mankind with dominion over the other creation. God also elected to allow man to fall under the power of Satan, God could have stopped Adam and Eve from sinning but elected to allow the fall. God elected the Israelites to be His nation from all the other nations of the earth, He was under no obligation to chose them. God elected to harden Pharaoh's heart to allow more tribulations to come on him before God elected to kill Pharaoh and his warriors. God elected to love Isaac and to hate Esau but by the Jewish custom God should have loved Esau because he was first born. How about preachers, most all preachers, even most of those who deny God's Sovereignty will tell you God called them to the ministry, that God sent them to their church or work, isn't that election? The reason so many deny a doctrine that once was believed by so many different historical denominations is because of humanism. This is what God said about humanism, "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." Romans 1:25 Humanism is a lie and they have changed God's truths into lies so that mankind can believe that God can only save a sinner if they are willing to be saved. Please give that some thought, God can only act if the created being is willing, but didn't God tell us this, "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God." Romans 3:11 Folks, this is contradiction at its highest level, making humanism a lie. People do not make salvation a choice, decision, nor do they pray a prayer to be saved, this is all humanism and no where is the entire bible is anyone ever coached to choose Christ, nowhere. But lost souls who call themselves Christs just keep believing ignorance like "God cannot change our wills" therefore you must choose Him because He does not tamper with the human will. "For it is God which worketh in you both to

will and to do of his good pleasure.” Philippians 2:12

If God’s election of a remnant of the world’s population to be saved causes your humanistic brain to blow-up, then the very thought of Predestination ought to really send you over the edge of the humanistic cliff. What has God predestinated us to be, “. . . us unto the adoption of children. . .” Again, this is not the Israelites, and proof of this is when Paul inserted the word “us” it means “us” as Christians not “us” as Jews. This is the elected remnant who God loved and chose to be His adoptive children, when all is finished, hell is full and sealed, and all things have been made new, than God will have before Himself a family of children He adopted, as He elected each one of them. Think of this, when a husband and wife want to adopt a child, they choose a child from many, and adopt that child, that is election on their part. Let’s define this word “predestinated” Strong’s defines it, - to limit in advance – now give that some thought as to all I have written thus far, limited in advance. W.E. Vine said this Greek word “proorizō” “has a special reference to that to which subjects of His foreknowledge and predestination to person He foreknew.” Those God foreknew God predestinated to be His children. “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.” Romans 8:29 Ah! It all fits like a puzzle doesn’t it? This alone destroys humanism, and this is why humanistic preachers hate God’s Sovereignty, because they have changed God’s Truth into a humanistic doctrinal lie. If you want to understand the absolute truth of salvation read this scripture, “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.” 1 Peter 1:2 There is absolutely no humanism, no choice or decisions, no prayers, no works, no baptism, just God saving sinners. Please allow me to define this blessed scripture for you in a quick way, (1) God elected those whom He foreknew or predestinated to be His adopted children, (2) thru the purification of the Holy Spirit Who comes into us, quickens our dead spirits, causes us to believe and gives us the gift of purification, (3) The Holy Spirit does this by the blood of Jesus Christ that was spilt from His body on Calvary. No humanism, no choices on our part, no works, no baptism, just God saving sinners as He chooses. Therefore, the humanistic preachers and workers hates God’s Sovereignty, it eliminates their power and puts all power in God’s hands where it belongs. Only God can change a sinner that loves to drink sin like water, God gave us this as proof, “And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, and thy heels made bare. Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.” Jeremiah 13:22 Before you condemn these thoughts on Gods Sovereignty, election, and predestination, you truly need to give this some thought and prayer, your eternal home depends on it, heaven or hell. If your salvation is humanistic generated then you are not a child of God, because only God saves sinners.

***Quote For Thought:***

By Charles H. Spurgeon

“There are times when solitude is better than society, and silence is wiser than speech. We should be better Christians if we were more alone, waiting upon God, and gathering through meditation on His Word spiritual strength for labour in his service. We ought to muse upon the things of God, because we thus get the real nutriment out of them. . . . Why is it that some Christians, although they hear many sermons, make but slow advances in the divine life? Because they neglect their closets, and do not thoughtfully meditate on God's Word. They love the wheat, but they do not grind it; they would have the corn, but they will not go forth into the fields to gather it; the fruit hangs upon the tree, but they will not pluck it; the water flows at their feet, but they will not stoop to drink it. From such folly deliver us, O Lord. . . .”

***Church News:***

The church will have a business meeting next Sunday 3/01 at 4:00 to discuss The Romania Mission work, among a few other things. Please attend so that your voice can be heard, and you can stay informed.