

## Your Place in God's Lottery

### Commentary for May 1, 2022 — It Seems Strange ... But It Is True

In the "[May 2022 Newsletter](#)" I discuss the subject of "God's lottery" to introduce this month's article, "God's Manifesto of Human Rights and Privileges." I want to give more information about this matter.

It is likely that most every person reading this Commentary has benefitted from a random lottery conducted by God Himself, to His glory. That lottery benefitted you more than you can imagine.

How could anyone believe God chooses a child of Adam (say ... **you**) to learn the truth of His Gospel during their life, yet ALSO believe that God did **not** choose that person because of some quality God knew you would have or develop during your life.

**"According as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, [for the purpose] that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will."**

• *Ephesians 1:4-5*

God chose and predestinated us to be a Child of God. He did this amazing thing — for **you** — by using a random lottery, adjudicated by Himself, for His own purpose. He did so without any preference for you or prejudice against you. He did the same toward every one of the multiple billions of people born since Adam or born to the end of the 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth.

God our Father did this, as the apostle Peter said, without being "**a respecter of persons**" (Acts 10:34).<sup>1</sup> Peter learned this lesson at Joppa on the coast of Judea when he had strange dreams (Acts 10:9–17) that made sense only when Peter was summoned to the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion who, along with his household, were devout believers in God and in Christ's resurrection. Peter accepted God's revelation that ritually unclean Gentiles could believe and were accepted by God as believers, just as Jews were accepted by God. Peter baptized Cornelius and all in his household.

So, how did God choose Cornelius, his family and household, you, and me, and predestinate us to be saved and chosen to learn the truths of God at this time in history, this place of the world, and in the circumstances you were before you believed, and the circumstances you are in as a believer.

Chapter 26 of Dr. Martin's book [Essentials of New Testament Doctrine](#) (this month's article), expands the topic of God's lottery presented earlier in "[Chapter 25: How Were We Chosen?](#)"

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<sup>1</sup> God's impartiality toward human beings is stated several times: Deuteronomy 10:17;; 2 Chronicles 19:7; Job 34:19; Romans 2:11; Galatians 2:6; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:11, 25; 1 Peter 1:17.

When you read both chapters you will learn **what** is the method of God's choosing, **when** God opens minds to learn His truths of salvation, and you will also learn **why** God has done so.

God "chose" you because you were randomly selected by "lot" to be born **when** (in time), **what sex** you would have, **where** in the world you were born, and other factors we all will learn after our individual resurrections. All that happens to you, all that happens to every other person born from Adam — all happens according to God's will, within His control, and all shall become fully mature children of God in the future.

Consider two verses that demonstrate what God's will is toward you and everyone else: Ephesians 1:11 and 1 Timothy 2:4. God sent Christ to perform His work of salvation for all, and at the same time performed His work of salvation for **you** personally.

Perhaps someone else has written extensively regarding God's lottery as Dr. Martin has done, but I have yet to find the writings of that someone. The teaching of universal salvation from God through Christ along with the teaching of God's lottery destroy several theological arguments of Christians around the world.

You are called now in life to learn the truths of God, Christ, and salvation. You were not chosen because you are special. But you are special because you have been chosen.

What about the three other categories of people who ...

1. never heard the Gospel or know anything about God,
2. heard, but were not "chosen" (by God's lottery) to accept the Gospel, or
3. heard and accepted, but later rejected the Gospel?<sup>2</sup>

All people in those categories will be raised after the 1,000 years reign of Christ to a period of judgment, the Great White Throne judgment (Revelation 20:11–15) after the New Heavens and New Earth are created. New Jerusalem will transition to the New Earth (Revelation chapters 20–22). The vast majority of all people will be taught the truths you know now. They will experience God's love for the first time.

They shall accept God's love, His Grace, and Christ's sacrifice on their behalf. All creation will submit to Christ's rule and be reconciled to God (Colossians 1:20; Philippians 2:10–11; 2 Corinthians 5:18; Hebrews 2:17; and Ephesians 1:10). "[The Death of Death](#)" will then occur.

Christ will give up all rule and authority to God Our Father. God shall become all in all (1 Corinthians 15:28).

Then what? God will teach us how to create. After all, creation is God's business.

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<sup>2</sup> See my articles, "[Christian in Name Only](#)" and "[Losing Your Salvation](#)." Can you lose your salvation after learning God's truth? Yes, but God is still able to reconcile Himself to you through Christ. See also my article "[Forgiving God](#)."