

Chosen by the Lord According to Foreknowledge 1Peter 1:2, Romans 8:29

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Jesus said, **“You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you,** and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you ask the Father in My Name, He may give it to you.”

We can ask ourselves, “Why has the Lord chosen me?” “Does the Lord choose some and not others?”

It is written that it is the Lord’s will for all to be saved. 2Peter 3:9, 1Timothy 2:4, Acts 10:34, 35, Acts 17:30, Titus 2:11, John 3:16, John 12:32, Ezekiel 18:23, Ezekiel 33:11, Romans 10:13, Acts 16:30-34, Deuteronomy 30:19, Joshua 24:15.

In Jeremiah 1:5, it says, **“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you:** and before you came out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you as a prophet to the nations.”

God has foreknowledge of the future. Isaiah 46:10, Isaiah 48:3, Isaiah 45:21, Isaiah 44:7, 8.

God is in the eternal present and sees the end from the beginning, God’s name is “I AM”. Exodus 3:14.

We are in the present, and can think of the past but do not know the future. (Unless God reveals it to us.)

God has foreknowledge of us before we are born. He knows if we will have a heart set on seeking and following God. God’s chooses those who He sees will repent and believe the Gospel, (Mark 1:15), and who He sees will set their heart on seeking and following Him. John 5:24.

Jacob was a person who had a lot of problems. He was a cheat, a liar and a thief. Genesis 27.

But God blessed Jacob because He knew that underneath it all, Jacob had a heart to seek, and know, and follow God to the very end. Genesis 32, Genesis 35.

God foreknew Esau too. And God knew that Esau was not a person who had a heart after God, to seek God and follow Him.

This is why it is written in Romans 10:13, “Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.” (**“Hated” means to love less.**)

The focus of Esau’s life was his earthly possessions and the material things of this world.

Esau loved the “world” and the things of this world. 1John 2:15-17.

God loved Esau. John 3:16.

God was always at work in Esau’s life to lead him to repentance and faith in God. Mark 1:15.

(Repentance: means to confess our sins and ask for forgiveness, turn from our sins, and surrender our lives completely to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.)

God does not over rule a person’s God-given free will. Deuteronomy 30:19. God does not force someone to believe in Him.

God was always at work in Esau’s life to set him free from trusting in the material realm, instead of in God.

I think that Esau may well have been saved in his later life, and come to faith in God.

So in 1Peter 1:2, when it says, **“God has chosen us** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ,” it is saying that, God chose us to be His, because He foreknew that we would have a heart after Him, and seek and follow Him to the end.

Also, God has chosen us **to be holy,** or set apart unto Him from the “world”, the “flesh” and the devil. Ephesians 1:4, 1Thessalonians 4:3, 7, 1Peter 1:15, 16, Hebrews 12:14, 2Corinthians 7:1.

And to **walk in obedience** to what He has commanded us through Jesus, John 14:15, Luke 6:46, Matthew 28:20, Matthew 7:21-23, Galatians 6:2, Matthew 12:50, Matthew 22:37, 38, 1Corinthians 9:21, John 13:34, John 15:14, 1Corinthians 7:19, Matthew 5:17-19.

And to walk under the **cleansing sprinkling of the cleansing Blood of Jesus our Saviour.** 1John 1:7, Revelation 1:5, 1John 1:9, Colossians 1:14, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 9:12-14, Hebrews 10:14.