



# Why You Were Saved

The emphasis in Ephesians is that we are a body. In the first three chapters, Paul is discussing the *theology* of the body. In the second three chapters - Paul is discussing the *practice* of the body. Ephesians 1.4-6a contains the *blueprints* for the body. You are I are part of that marvelous body. Today we will talk about why God

created the body.

## I. EPHESIANS 1.4 - HOLY AND BLAMELESS

- A. 1.4 - *even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.*
  - 1. Paul is not talking about *how* one is saved, but for *what purpose* he / she is saved. It is the ultimate end of our salvation.
  - 2. Compare Colossians 1.22; Ephesians 5.27
- B. When you see what the focus is, then everything else falls into place.
  - 1. He *chose us in Him*. The only ones who are holy and blameless are those who have chosen Him.
  - 2. The "us" in 1.4 are those who believe, those who choose to respond.
- C. God predestined the **result** of salvation - not the beginning of it.
  - 1. Those who *respond* to the call will end up looking like Jesus.
  - 2. Romans 8.28-30; Philippians 1.6; 2 Corinthians 3.18

## II. EPHESIANS 1.5A - PREDESTINED FOR ADOPTION AS SONS

- A. 1.5a - *In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ...* This goes beyond our comprehension.
- B. 1.5a - *In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ...* See a close, personal relationship.
- C. 1.5a - *In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ... God is bringing together a people in whom He can delight and enjoy.*

## III. 1.5B-6A - GOD DID ALL THIS FOR HIS GLORY

- A. 1.5b - God took great delight in thinking about His future people, thinking kindly about them.
- B. 1.6a - it's all for a purpose - *the praise of His glorious grace.*

## IV. CONCLUSION

- A. Psalm 136.23-24 - When you think about it, all you can do is praise Him. Thank Him. Live for Him. Be an active part of His body....
- B. The source of our life is Jesus. By His sacrifice, we've been born again. Have you?