

## **QUESTION 27**

### **ARE ALL PEOPLE, JUST AS THEY WERE LOST THROUGH ADAM, SAVED THROUGH CHRIST?**

*NO, ONLY THOSE WHO ARE ELECTED BY GOD AND UNITED TO CHRIST BY FAITH.*

### **READ EPHESIANS 1:25-12**

Some people in the world believe in something called universalism. Universalists believe that God will save everybody, regardless of whether people have sought forgiveness from God through the blood of Christ. It might be more comfortable to believe in universal salvation, but it's not what the Bible teaches. Everyone is either in Adam's sin or in Christ's righteousness. Whether you are in Christ or in Adam determines your eternal destiny.

God didn't need anyone, but in his grace and kindness he chose to save some people and make them his sons and daughters. God does not save everyone, but that he elects that only some will be saved. Everyone will be born in Adam, but then some will be born again in Christ. God chooses those whom he will save even before they're born, so being chosen by God to be in Christ has nothing to do with how good you are. Rather it has everything to do with how good God is and how kind God is.

### **READ EPHESIANS 1:3-12**

**What does the word predestine mean?** It means to determine something beforehand. In this passage, we learn that God predetermined whom he would adopt, even before he created the world. Look at verse 6 and see if you can tell you why God chose to predestine his children before they were even born, rather than waiting to see who would be the best. Draw out the meaning of the phrase "to the praise of his glorious grace." Grace means "unmerited favor." If God had chosen to favor those who deserved it, we would not be the recipients of grace. Paul seems to assume everyone he is writing to has been chosen by God. It is not because every person has been chosen by God. Paul knows that he is writing to those who have trusted Christ for salvation. Anyone who has done this can know that he or she has been elected by God to be adopted as his child.

### **MEMORY VERSE**

"For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:17)