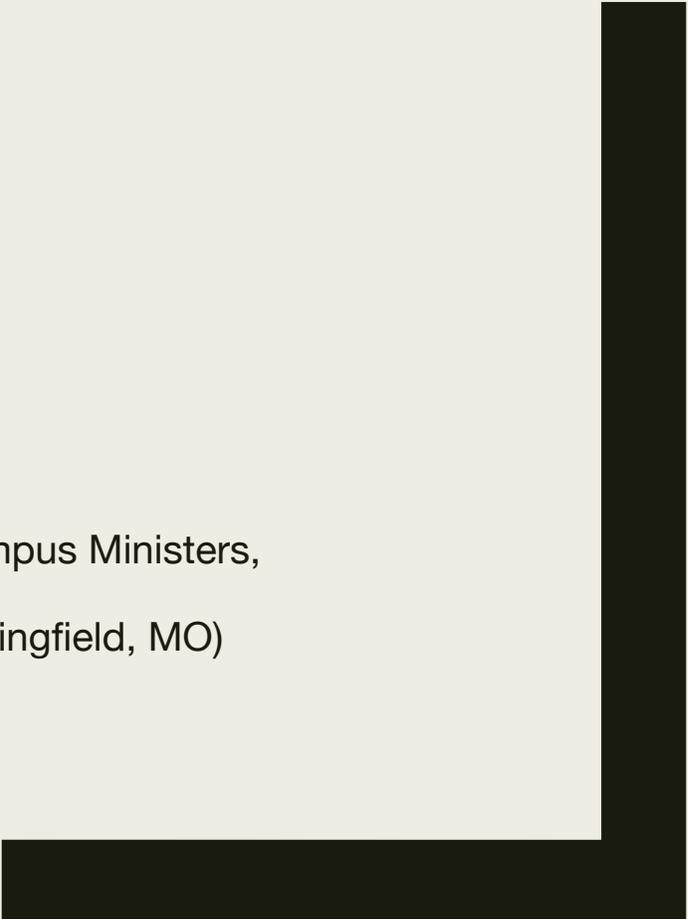


CHOSEN

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Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)

⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.



Middle Class Worldview



**Hard Work + Talent + Blessing =
Chosen**

Action = Position

A man with a beard and a hooded jacket is sitting on a sidewalk. He is surrounded by a large, dark sleeping bag. The background shows a brick wall and windows with decorative patterns. The overall scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn.

CHOSEN = FATE

Job's Worldview

- Live justly = Chosen for a good life
- Live unjustly = Chosen for a bad life
- Reap = sow

God's Worldview

- Chosen = God is sovereign from the foundations of the world

Job 42:2-3 (ESV)

² I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³ 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

Kingdom Worldview

- Chosen in Christ = Holy + Blameless

Ephesians 1:4 (NIV)

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.



Matthew 22:14 (ESV)

For many are called, but few are chosen.

Chosen and Sealed

Ephesians 1:3 (ESV)

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were

**sealed with
the promised Holy
Spirit**

Ephesians 1:7-10 (ESV)

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.





- Hard Work + Talent + Blessing = Chosen
- Chosen = King

Ephesians 4:1 (ESV)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.



- Chosen is not in the future.
- Provision was made before the foundation of the world and finished at the cross.

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.