

*Deep Revelation From the Book of
Ephesians Season 1:
Step Into Your Identity*

DISCOVERING
THE JEWISH
JESUS
לגלות את ישוע היהודי

Scripture

- **Ephesians 1:4-5**

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

- **Romans 8:28-31**

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become confirmed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

- **Romans 9:9-24**

For this is the word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON." And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER." Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED." What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION." So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE, I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHTOUT THE WHOLE EARTH." So, then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? Or does the potter not have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use? What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

- **John 15:16**

"You did not choose Me but I chose you..."

Other Scriptures

- Ephesians 4:24
- Exodus 15:4
- Ephesians 1:4
- Job 6:44
- John 17:9
- Genesis 3:5
- Matthew 11:28
- John 10:26-29
- John 6:53, 43, 65; 17:9
- Ephesians 2:3-5
- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- 2 Timothy 2:12

Main Points

- Our calling is to be transformed into the image of God's Son.
- Types of Callings
 - A general call
 - A specific, effectual call

Discussion Questions

1. When were you chosen to come to Jesus? What Scripture speaks to this concept?
2. What does autonomy have to do with the subject of original sin and predestination?
3. What is the meaning of the word "predestined"? Is our being predestined based on God's foreknowing us? (Rabbi recommended you study John 6 for further leading by God on this subject.)
4. As Rabbi unfolds chapter 9 in Romans, how would you summarize what God is saying in your own words? How does Rabbi counter the arguments which accuse God of unfairness?
5. Out of all humanity, God chose YOU before creation. What does this say about who you are and what does this knowledge motivate you to do and surrender to Him to be? Write a response to Him. Offer worship to Him for this amazing gift—His calling.