

John 6:37, 39, 44, 65, Daily Devotions

☐ Monday - Chosen in Eternity.

John 6:37, 39

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out... And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose none, but raise him up on the last day" (Jn. 6:37, 39). God has given to His Son "a people for His own possession" (Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 2:9). But when did God give them to His Son? It was not the day you were saved, Christian; and not even the day Christ died for you. No, we must look back further still: "He chose us in Him *before the foundation of the world*" (Eph. 1:4). In eternity past, God chose for Himself a people, whom He gave to His Son to redeem. His thoughts of you predate Creation itself. O Lord, "What is man, that Thou art mindful of him?" (Psa. 8:4). Selah, pause and meditate.

Read John 6:37-40; 10:24-29; John chap 17

☐ Tuesday - Election Results.

Ephesians 1:4

Nothing will humble a man as *low* as the doctrine of election, for it strips away every vestige of human pride that says he had some part in his salvation, and it places the cause solely upon the sovereign decree of God. Likewise, nothing lifts our hearts as *high* as the doctrine of election, for when feelings of unworthiness would consume us, we need only remember that our salvation depends not upon our worthiness, but upon God's choice to love us. Read Acts 13:48; Rom. 8:30; 9:10-24; Eph. 1:4-5, 11; 1 Peter 2:9

☐ Wednesday - The Grand Initiator.

1 John 4:19

God, not man, chooses, seeks, and knocks: "He chose us" (Eph. 1:4), we did not choose Him (Jn. 15:16); He seeks the lost (Lk. 19:10), the lost do not seek Him (Rom. 3:11); and not one of us has worn out any skin "knock, knock, knocking on heaven's door", rather, it is He who stands at the door and knocks (Rev. 3:20). Yes, He is the Grand Initiator. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). "We love, because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). [Note: Mt. 7:7 concerns believers' prayers, not unbelievers' salvation].

Read 1 Peter 1:3

☐ Thursday - The King of Hearts.

Romans 9:15-16

"For [the Lord] 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 ... So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires" (Rom. 9:15-16, 18). God is sovereign over the human heart, for again it says, "The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes" (Prov. 21:1). Let this then be the Christians' praise, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again" (1 Pet. 1:3). Read John 1:12-13, 5:21; Acts 13:48; Ephesians 1:4-6; James 1:18

☐ Friday - By His Doing You Are in Christ Jesus.

John 6:44, 65

Jesus declared, "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him" (Jn. 6:44); and again, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father" (Jn. 6:65). Entrance into the Kingdom of God is not ultimately a matter of our choice, but God's. It is not we who bring God to ourselves, but God who draws us to Himself. "But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus" (1 Cor. 1:30). Praise God for His work in you! Read John 1:12-13; 1 Peter 1:3