



Sermon Notes: Elect Exiles

1. Identity.

a. You are elect.

1) The ground of your election.

2) The means of your election.

3) The purpose of your election.

4) The outcome of your election.

b. You are exiles.

c. You are enriched.

2. Illustration.

3. Implications.



Gospel Applications: Elect Exiles

1. How does the American Church tend to view the doctrine of election? What part does this vital truth play in the everyday lives of ordinary Christians?
2. How does election/foreknowledge influence your life on any given day? Why do you think that is? If you deliberately thanked the Lord for choosing you, and if you saw his gracious choice as a core part of your real identity, how might that impact you during the course of a typical day?
3. Commentator Karen H. Jobes says, "To be chosen by God and committed to Christ is *by definition* to become a visiting foreigner and resident alien in the world and thereby disenfranchised from its entitlements that are based on undivided allegiance to its gods." What does this mean? Do you or disagree? Discuss.
4. What are some ways your fundamental allegiance to Christ has caused you to feel like a stranger or just a visitor in this world? What are some things you've had to give up? What are some things others have taken from you (or prevented you from having)?
5. Play out the question that was asked in the message: If you knew you were going to live in another country for more than one week but less than one year, and you couldn't bring anything back with you, how would you live? What are some things you'd absolutely do? What are some things you'd deliberately *not* do?
6. How are your answers to #5 similar to or different than how you actually live now? Why is that?
7. We said in the message, "God didn't choose you because you obeyed; he chose you so that you could obey." What are some practical ways this would impact your life if you functionally believed and practiced this good news?
8. If a critical mass of believers collectively lived out both sides of our identity as "elect exiles," how do you think that'd look different than the typical American Church? What kind of reactions do you think that might spark from nonbelievers? What positive difference might we make?
9. What one specific thing will you do in response to this message this week?