



Was Lillie Grace Predestined?

Ephesians 1:3-15

The definition of predestination

- **Predestination is the biblical doctrine that God in His sovereignty chooses certain individuals to be saved.**
- **The most common objection is that it isn't fair. Scripture affirms that He is fair. You cannot find a Scripture that says He isn't. That's man's idea.**
- **John 3:16-18 is an offer to all. Some believe while some don't. This is our free will choice.**
- **John 6:44-45 says the Father draws us but not all hear, learn, then believe.**
- **Predestination isn't base of God's foresight of our future, whether we are "good" enough or is based on our works.**

- **Without election and predestination, humanity would be lost or die out. What was the human condition before the flood? Genesis 6:11 describes society as "corrupt." Humans went the way of Cain: Genesis 4:16 says, "Cain went out from the presence of the Lord." Then he created his own society where he was god or at least that he created a godless society.**

Believers are chosen

- **The following passages explain the fact that some are chosen and some are not:**
- **Matthew 24:22, Mark 13:20, Romans 8:33, 9:11, 11:5-7, 28.**
- **Colossians 3:12, 1 Thessalonians 1:4, 1 Timothy 5:21.**
- **2 Timothy 2:10, Titus 1:1, 1 Peter 1:1-2, 2:9, 2 Peter 1:10.**
- **Reading through these passages, don't you see yourself as chosen and truly blessed? It wasn't because you are "special" but that our Father is loving and caring in His choice of you.**

Ephesians 1:3-15

- **Verse 3. Notice the past tense of “has blessed.”**
- **Verse 4. Father chose us to be “in” Christ BEFORE the foundation of the world!”**
- **Verse 5. Predestined us to adoption just because of His “kind intention of His will.”**
- **Verse 6. “to the praise of His glory” and “freely bestowed”**
- **Verse 7-8. forgiveness by grace which is “lavished” on us!**
- **Verse 11. Our inheritance is also predestined.**
- **Verse 13. listening, believe, sealed.**

Further reading

- **You may also read Romans 8:28-31, 9:6-16.**
- **1 Corinthians 2:1-8.**
- **You can also read Acts 2:22-24, 4:27-28 to see that Jesus was foreordained/predestined/predetermined. This begins with Genesis 3:15 and is carried out with Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.**

Conclusion

- **Question. So was Lillie Grace a mistake, a surprise, or predestined? Not a mistake because Psalm 139 reveals we are all formed by our Creator in our mothers' womb, and that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made:"**
- **A surprise? To us, yes! To the Lord, no! Since He is omniscient, He knew when and where she would be born. Read Acts 17:24-28 which explains this concept.**
- **He also knows what He wants her to do with her life. Read Ephesians 2:8-10 for this concept.**
- **Krista and I look forward to watching Jaime and Johnny raise Lillie Grace to be a child of God and for what she will accomplish with her life. She is already blessed!!!**