

August 5 Monday

PREDESTINATED UNTO LIFE

Bible Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. Ephesians 1:5.

What a mystery is this matter of predestination! Anyone who knows his own heart and sees the wickedness within cannot but marvel that God should have chosen him before the foundation of the world to be predestinated unto life.

Why God should have chosen one of us and not another is beyond our comprehension! Why we should be selected to be saved is something which we cannot understand! There are people far better than some of us, who are living in darkness, people who are dying in sin, people who know nothing of the wonderful offer of salvation. God in His marvelous providence has brought us His message. God has given us the power of His Spirit, in order that we might be saved. All this He planned before the foundation of the world. Shall we not fall before His face and adore Him, and praise Him for His wonderful goodness to us? Shall we not rise from our knees to go forward to be His messengers to carry as widely as possible the message of salvation through Him who has predestinated us unto life from all eternity?

No one fully understands the mystery of the divine predestination. Yet the Scripture teaches this wonderful truth, and its elimination would make our universe still more difficult for us to understand. Every one who is saved knows that no goodness that he possesses can account for the marvelous gift of God. Only in the divine predestination can our souls be satisfied. God, who does all things according to His own indescribable wisdom, has predestinated the saved unto salvation, according to the good pleasure of His will.

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