



## **Shelby Christian Church**

**CORE 52: GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD - ELECTION AND PREDESTINATION**

Matthew 22:14, Acts 9:1-31, Joshua 24:15, Romans 8:29-30, 2 Peter 3:9 \* 10/26/2025

### **HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ MATTHEW 22:14**

**Can you share a time when you received an invitation (to an event, party, or opportunity) but either didn't respond or didn't fully take part? How did that feel later? This verse is part of the parable of the wedding banquet, who is doing the inviting in the parable, and what is the response of those invited? What does Jesus mean by "many are invited, but few are chosen"? How does this verse reveal both God's wide invitation to salvation and the seriousness of responding rightly?**

### **HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ACTS 9:1-31**

**What was Saul doing at the beginning of this passage? (vv. 1–2) How did the encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus unfold? (vv. 3–9) What does this passage teach us about God's power to transform lives, even the most unlikely ones? Why do you think Jesus confronted Saul so directly, and what does that reveal about God's pursuit of people? What are some of the specifics of what Paul was called or destined for?**

### **HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOSHUA 24:15**

**What does Joshua's challenge reveal about the nature of faith—it being a personal and intentional choice? How can we, like Joshua, declare our allegiance to the Lord in a culture full of competing loyalties? What does it mean to serve the Lord not just individually, but as a family or community?**

### **HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ROMANS 8:29-30**

**What does it mean that God "foreknew" His people? How is this more than just knowledge of future events? How does being "conformed to the image of His Son" describe God's goal for believers? Why do you think Paul speaks of "glorified" in the past tense, even though it's a future reality?**

### **HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 2 PETER 3:9**

**According to this verse, how do some people misunderstand God's timing?**

**What does this verse teach about God's character—especially His patience and mercy?**

**Why might people perceive God as "slow," and how does this verse correct that perception?**

**What does it mean that God "does not want anyone to perish"? How does this connect to human responsibility?**

## APPLICATION

**Share a time when you were chosen for a special honor. What was it and how did that make you feel? What has God done in your life to make sure you had an opportunity to respond to Him?**

**What can you uniquely do to bring God glory through your life? What were you called to do?**

**Sometimes God's divine call can come through human messengers. With that in mind, who are you uniquely positioned to invite to church so God can call them to heaven?**

## PRAYER