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God chose in eternity past	God's choice determined by present events
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FOUR PAINFUL OUTCOMES OF SIN

- 1 Going with the flow of the WORLD *2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world*
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- 3-ENSLAVED to your own strong feelings and warped thinking 3a *3 Among them we too all formerly lived
in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind*
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3rd As His Masterpiece, to _____ His pre-selected tasks 10

John 15:8 By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

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