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DIGGING DEEP: SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

THEME: OUR MONTH OF DIVINE INCREASE

TOPIC: LIVING WITH ETERNITY IN VIEW (PART 1)

TEXT: 1 Pet. 1:1-12; 2 Tim. 4:7-8

INTRODUCTION

This month, September, is the first month in the 2026/27 RCCG calendar. The topic of the first digging deep was “Begin with the end in mind”. After that, we have taken three weekly lessons on “Promotion”. These topics were carefully packaged, not just as a reflection of our current situations (RCCG, and CTL in particular), but also to equip us for our journey through the New Year.

Today, being the first day of our remaining life, we will consider the topic, “LIVING WITH ETERNITY IN VIEW”. This topic will be taken as Special Digging Deep in three parts (September, October and November).

The first part will focus on WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST.

OUTLINE 1: WE ARE GOD’S ELECT

As a Christian you are carefully selected by God among many other options available to Him.

That you are a Christian today is not an accident.

Our election was according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.

1 Pet. 1:1-2; Ex. 3:1-7; 1 Sam. 9:1-27; 10:1-7; Acts 9:1-16; Jn. 15:16; Jer. 1:4-10

OUTLINE 2: THE COMPOSITION OF OUR ELECTION

There are some truths about our election by God that we need to know for our guidance. These include:

We are strangers (pilgrims) here on earth.

1 Pet. 1:1; Gen. 5:21-27; Ps. 90:1-4; 2 Pet. 3:8; 1 Sam. 28:3; 2 Kings 13:21; Jn. 14:1-5; Heb. 9:27-28; Jer. 32:28-29

Our election was sealed in two stages:

(a) Sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

(b) Sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

1 Pet. 1:3-4; 2:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:20; Heb. 9:11-16; 10:18; Jn. 17:17,19; 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Thess. 2:13.

We are elects because of God's abundant mercy.

Lam. 3:22-23; Ps. 102:13; Rom. 9:15-18; Prov. 16:4.

We remain His elects by the power of God through faith.

1 Pet. 1:5; Eph. 2:8; Jn. 16:33; Ps. 34:19

OUTLINE 3: OUR ELECTION BRINGS A BITTER-SWEET EXPERIENCE

There is the joy of salvation and there is also the challenges of pulling through life as a Christian.

Salvation brings untold joy, it brings us into a lively hope and gives us an imperishable, everlasting inheritance.

The life of a believer is not without manifold challenges and temptations.

The trial of faith is more precious than of gold (even though it's tried with fire).

1 Pet.1:6-9; 1 Cor. 9:24-25; 15:40-51; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Tim. 4:1-8; 1 Jn. 3:1-3; Heb.12:2-3.

CONCLUSION

As God's elect, we are purposely and specifically designed to please God. This comes with enormous challenges, but the glory is much greater.