

“Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling” *Chosen*

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

Ephesians 1:4

- A Story about my sister Amanda
- “Mr. Special”
- Joseph and his brothers
- Jacob and Esau

Israel

Deuteronomy 7:6

You are a holy people, who belong to the Lord your God. Of all the people on earth, the Lord your God has **chosen** you to be his own special treasure.

- Does God favor Israel over other people groups?
- Is there a contradiction with Jesus and His Teachings and the Old Testament?

God Does Not Show _____

Acts 10:34-35

I most certainly understand *now* that **God is not one to show partiality**, but in every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.

Romans 2:9-11

There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on doing what is evil—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile.¹⁰ But there will be glory and honor and peace from God for all who do good—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile.¹¹ **For God does not show favoritism.**

- So then what does it mean to be *Chosen*?

Chosen for a _____

Exodus 19:6

“You shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**” ...speak these words to the sons of Israel.”

- A Kingdom of Priests

Genesis 12:1-3

The Lord had said to Abram...“I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; **and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.**”

- Through You All Peoples Will Be Blessed

We Are Chosen to _____ and _____ the Greatness & Goodness of God

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, **so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...**

- Remember (Exodus 19:6)?

See **Matthew 22:1-14**

- Have you ever thrown a party for friends or new acquaintances, and no one shows up?
- Or, if they do, they're on their phone the whole time; come late; leave early...unappreciative
- All the preparations, All the love, all the hope for what?

You're Invited...You're Chosen

- Come regularly to the Lord's Table, and Bring Others with you...enjoy, love, and hope in your host