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Title: Chosen In Christ Jesus

Series: Ephesians ... 1

Introduction:

Three navigation points:

> Revelation 13:8, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (KJV)

> 1 Samuel 16:7, "But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, For the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

> Genesis 15:6, "And he (Abraham) believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness."

God's Redemption Through Jesus Is Plan A:

1.1) vs. 4 - *"even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him."*

1.2) 2 Corinthians 5:20 - *"For our sake he made him (Jesus) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*

1.3) Philippians 2:12 - 13 - *"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."*

God's Redemption Is Through FAITH:

2.1) vs. 13 - 14

"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory."

2.2) Romans 10:13

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Questions:

> When did you call on the name of the LORD?

> When did God know you called?

> When were you chosen?

God's Redemption Sealed By His Purposes:

3.1) vs. 7

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,"

3.2) vs. 9 - 10

"making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth."

3.3) vs. 11 - 12

"In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory."

Compare Romans 8:28 - 30

Conclusion:

2 Corinthians 12:2 - 10