

Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

Part 14 – “Chosen”

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Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6

At times we get some grim reminders of the desperate _____ of our world. Families are _____ and the love of many is growing _____. The lives of the most innocent among us, the little ones who need our protection, nurture, and _____, are regarded by some with astonishing indifference. Through the prophet Isaiah, God asks a _____ question the immediate answer for which gives a _____ revelation. “_____ a woman forget her nursing _____ and not have _____ on the son of her womb?” God then states the stark reality, “Yes they may forget...” Sadly, we see this forgetfulness manifesting itself in the society. Babies are rejected by parents, _____ aside, “forgotten” on park benches or left for dead in trash _____. But I am thankful that the verse in Isaiah didn’t end that way. God _____, “Yet I will not forget you.” How can we be assured that God has not forgotten us? How can we help others know that God has _____ them and that we all can _____ Him in return? Let us pray as we study God’s Word today.

From Castaway to Chosen

1. What was/is the _____ of what our first parents did? *Luke 4:5-7; Rom. 6:23*
2. When did God _____ to taking us as His own? *Ephesians 1:3-6*
3. How do we accept God’s love and enter His _____? *Romans 6:1-4*
4. How does God _____ in us a _____ heart? *Jn. 3:5-8; Psa. 51:10-11*
5. Even when I mess up, can I be assured of His _____ and acceptance? *1 Jn 1:9*

It is only through a correct understanding of Christ’s mission and work that the possibility of being complete in him, accepted in the Beloved, is brought within our reach. “Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water... and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” [Matthew 3:16, 17.] This voice reaches to everyone who receives and believes in Jesus. His long human arm embraces the human family; His divine arm grasps the throne of the Infinite, that man may have the benefit of the infinite sacrifice made in his behalf. “As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.” [John 1:12]. **Manuscript 114 - September 12, 1898**

May you always choose Christ because you are His Chosen!