

“Chosen, Set Apart, Loved”
Colossians 3:12a

I. You are Chosen

A. Chosen...by God...for salvation

***Ephesians 1:3–4** - ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.*

***2 Thessalonians 2:13** - But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.*

B. Chosen not because of your goodness or willingness

***Romans 3:9–12** - ⁹ What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; ¹⁰ as it is written [Ps. 14:1-3; Ps. 53:1-3], “There is none righteous, not even one; ¹¹ There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; ¹² All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one.”*

C. Chosen because of God’s kindness

***Ephesians 1:5** - He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.*

II. You are Holy (set apart)

A. You have been set-apart from those not chosen for salvation.

***John 6:37–39** - ³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ³⁸ “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ “This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.*

***John 10:25–28** - ²⁵ Jesus answered them [unbelieving Jews], “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me. ²⁶ “But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. ²⁷ “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.*

***Acts 13:48** - When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.*

B. You were put on reserve by God and for God before the creation.

***Ephesians 1:4a** - just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy...*

III. You are Loved

A. Loved despite your unworthiness

***Ephesians 2:4–6** - ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus*

***1 John 3:1a** - See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God...*

B. Loved with a costly love

***John 3:16** - For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

***Romans 5:8** - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*