

Ephesians 1:3-14 - Chosen By God

“You can choose your friends, but you can’t choose your family”

To be Christian is to be chosen by God.

To be chosen by God is to be... sought

To be chosen by God is to be... loved

2 Thessalonians 2:13 *“But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.”*

To be chosen by God is to be... included

Mark 10:29 - 30 *“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields - along with persecutions - and in the age to come eternal life.”*

To be chosen by God is to be... bought

Romans 5:6 - 8 *“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

To be chosen is to be... sent

1 Peter 2:9 *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*