

Chosen Series pt. 2

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## How the Gospel Changes Our Past

**Big Idea – Christianity is about a \_\_\_\_\_ not rules, rituals, or perfection.**

### 1 Peter 1:1-2

To God's **elect**, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been **chosen** according to **the foreknowledge** of God the Father, through the **sanctifying work of the Spirit**, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and **sprinkled with his blood**: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

### Companion Verse

### Ephesians 1: 4-8

For He **chose us** in Him (Jesus) **before** (*Genesis 1*) **the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight**. In love He **predestined** us for **adoption to sonship** through Jesus Christ, in accordance (*harmony*) with **His pleasure and will** to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has **freely given us in the One He loves (Jesus)**. In Him (Jesus) we have **redemption** (*restoration*) through **His blood**, the **forgiveness of sins**, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished (*heaped, showered, smothered*) on us.

### Redemptive Actions

1. **Election** - God selects, chooses (*eklektos*) based solely on His favor.
2. **Sanctification** – make holy (*hagiasmos*), consecrated by \_\_\_\_\_ or decree.
3. **Redemption** – \_\_\_\_\_ of relationship by the removal (satisfying) of objective guilt.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ – (*dikaioō*) made “just” as if one never sinned (sprinkled with His blood).
5. **Predestination** – God has a purpose that is **PRE-**\_\_\_\_\_ long before it is brought to pass.

### Redemptive Identity

### 1 Peter 2:9-10

... 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**. Once you were not a people, but now **you are the people of God**; once you had not received mercy, but **now you have received mercy**.

God _____ I AM ...			
Elect	Chosen	Holy	Blessed
Blameless	Loved	Redeemed	Forgiven
Royal Priest	Holy Nation	Special Possession	People of God

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Discuss and Apply

1. How has your life changed in the past ten years? Are there ways it's stayed the same?
2. The closer we are to God, the more we will be like Him. And while it's about a relationship not rules, is there a specific "rule" that you struggle with breaking? What is it?
3. Who is someone in your life that you become a better person when you're around them? Why? How much better do we become when we are in the presence of God?
4. Our old selves will do anything not to die, and when we decide to change, temptation is all over the place. Is there a temptation holding you back from being the new creation God wants you to be? (1 Peter 1:14; Galatians 2:20)
5. When we spend time in God's Word, in prayer, in community, and engaging in church, it helps us to exercise self-control. Which of these areas do you need to work on this week? (1 Peter 1:13)

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## Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gospel. The Good News that you knew me before I existed, chose me to be yours, then pursued me with your love.

Thank you, Jesus, for your obedience to the Father and joining yourself to fallen man. Fully, holy God, fully holy man. Sinless and perfect in all your ways. God chose you to be the ransom for my sin. Your blood applied to the Mercy Seat (throne) of God, securing my freedom and restoration to our Eternal Father. I receive your grace and surrender my life to your will.

In Jesus Name

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