

## **Chosen**

### **Ready:**

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

-1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

### **Set**

I remember those games when I was a child where captains were appointed and then all waited to see who was picked by whom and when. Nobody wanted the distinction of being picked last. It was a horrible feeling, and I experienced it on a number of occasions.

How wonderful it feels to be wanted. Many times, people fall into bad relationships or immorality just because they desperately want to be wanted by someone, anyone.

Well, there is good news: God wants you! You have been chosen by the Creator of the universe to be with Him for eternity. You may feel you are near the bottom on a lot of people's lists, but you are at the top on His. In fact, He chose you before you were even born. As you were nestled in your mother's womb, God was already saying, "I want you with Me always."

Today, know the Lord has chosen you. You have been called out of darkness and given a new life. For this He desires to hear you praise Him before those around you.

### **Go**

1. Do you ever feel rejected by the world?
2. Has it ever occurred to you that you were chosen by God?
3. What, if anything, stands in the way of your believing that?

### **Workout**

John 15:18-19

Ephesians 1:11-12

Colossians 3:12-14

1 John 3:1

### **Bible Reference:**

1 John 3



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