

We Are A Special, Chosen People!!

Father God's love for us is off the charts. No human being on earth really understands the fullness of God's love for His children. We are His Special Ones, and He wants us to comprehend His great love for us so we can have confidence in Him. His power is released in our confidence and faith in His Love for us. The children of Israel in the Old Testament were chosen out of all the nations of the earth to be His. In our day and time, He has chosen the Church out of all nations to be His family. If we don't see ourselves as special, we will not experience God's favor in our lives to the fullest. The devil has gotten the Church to think wrong thoughts about themselves so that he can control them.

I heard a minister of the Gospel preaching last week. He told a story about how Richard Roberts went to a bank as a young man to get a loan; but they turned him down. Then he asked the bank president, "If I told you that I'm Oral Roberts' son would you give me the loan?" The bank president said, "of course I would". He then proceeded to say, "I am Oral Roberts' son". He got the loan. Richard believed he was special, because he is Oral Roberts' son. Do you believe you're special because your God's child? You should! The devil doesn't want us to think how valuable we are. He wants us to have a low self-esteem. However, the Bible says this...

Romans 12:3 KJV For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

God is telling us not to think that we are better than our brothers and sisters. But He is not telling us to think of ourselves in a degrading way. We should never put ourselves down trying to be humble, but think of ourselves the way God does. The Bible is the way He shows that to us. Let's look at Scriptures that declare our value.

Deuteronomy 7:7-9 NCV The LORD did not care for you and choose you because there were many of you—you are the smallest nation of all. [8] But the LORD chose you because He loved you, and He kept His promise to your ancestors. So He brought you out of Egypt by His great power and freed you from the land of slavery, from the power of the king of Egypt. [9] So know that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God. He will keep His agreement of love for a thousand lifetimes for people who love Him and obey His commands.

We see the love that God had for His children in the Old Testament. Well what about us in the New Testament?

Ephesians 1:11-12 NCV In Christ we were chosen to be God's people, because from the very beginning God had decided this in keeping with His plan. And He is the One who makes everything agree with what He decides and wants. [12] We are the first people who hoped in Christ, and we were chosen so that we would bring praise to God's glory.

1 Peter 2:9-10 NCV But you are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession. You were chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. [10] At one time you were not a people, but now you are God's people. In the past you had never received mercy, but now you have received God's mercy.

John 15:18-20 NCV "If the world hates you, remember that it hated Me first. [19] If you belonged to the world, it would love you as it loves its own. But I have chosen you out of the world, so you don't belong to it. That is why the world hates you. [20] Remember what I told you: A servant is not greater than his master. If people did wrong to Me, they will do wrong to you, too. And if they obeyed My teaching, they will obey yours, too. You will be productive if you see yourself as valuable, so don't let the devil steal this revelation. You are not valuable because you have done everything right; you are valuable because you were chosen by God Himself to be His children.

Love you,
Pastor Paul