





### Everyone wants to be wanted.



### You're wanted. Not by an Ivy League school or a prestigious employer, but by God himself.

## What does it mean to be chosen by God?

Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world

John 17:24

He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

1 Peter 1:20

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world

Revelation 13:8

Those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world

Revelation 17:8

The King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world

Matthew 25:34

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him

Ephesians 1:4

### God doesn't race around, reacting to events on earth and coming up with solutions.

### Election means to select, choose, prefer over another choice, to make a special choice.

You are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth

Deuteronomy 7:6

### This choice of election came about through predestination.

Against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done

Acts 4:28

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren

Romans 8:29

Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified

Romans 8:30

We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God **ordained before** the ages for our glory

1 Corinthians 2:7

Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will

Ephesians 1:5

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will

Ephesians 1:11

### Being placed as a son into God's family is a permanent, legal change of family identity.

### Why did God choose us?

We ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body

Romans 8:23

You received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:15

# Choosing us as his children is something that **he wanted** to do.

## Whatever God wants is good.

# Choosing us brings great pleasure to God.

### God chose us to be morally pure in his sight.

### God chose us as a celebration of his grace.

God's choice to make us his children occurred in perfect harmony with Christ's commitment to die for our sins.

## How should we respond to **the fact** that God has chosen us?

### When wealthy, loving parents adopt an orphan from the streets, how should we respond?

#### No matter what anyone says and how we may feel, God loves us and wants us in his family forever.

#### Our lives are not guided by fate or chance, nor are they at the mercy of peoples' heartless choices.