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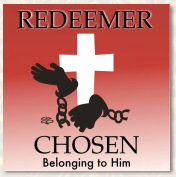

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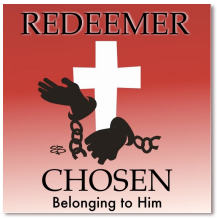
Redeemer - Chosen

Once we comprehend what we deserve (nothing but judgment), and understand the priceless sacrifice to make us His own (Christ's life), our once cold hearts are warmed and moved by God's mighty love. Humbled by His love, we respond by joyfully serving others for His glorious name's sake.



A passion for God and a love toward others.

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Desiring the Unwanted

- Many struggle with being unwanted.
- Having not been loved, they do not know how to love.
- God, however, does genuinely love us.
- The Redeemer concept clarifies how valuable we are to Him.
- We are humbled by His affectionate grace in Christ Jesus.

Choice ➡ Time ➡ Desired, Favored, Belong

"He chose us in Him (Christ) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him" (Ephesians 1:4).

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Our Goals

A God chose us → Develop a deeper heart of gratitude

B God bought us → Endure suffering for others

C We belong to Him → Value one another

"Yet on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, even you above all peoples..." (Deuteronomy 10:15).

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A God Chose Us

Valuing His Undeserved Favor

1) The Need For God's Grace

"All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6).

"Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God" (Isaiah 59:2).

2) Restraining Grace

"**Except** the Lord of Hosts had left to us a posterity, we would have become as Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah" (Romans 9:29).

3) Special Grace

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit" (John 15:16).

"And He did so in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which he prepared beforehand for glory" (Romans 9:23).

Quiet your heart and give thanks for God's choice of you.

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B God Bought Us

Love's High Price

"You were bought with a price."
1 Corinthians 7:23

1) The Commitment

The Lord followed up His decision to choose us by saving us through Christ.

2) The Meaning Of Redemption

"You were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19).

3) The Purchase Price

"The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed..., the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him" (Isaiah 53:5-6).

Tell the Lord that living for Him is more important than all.

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C We Belong to Him

Expressing God's kindness to others

1) Working With Difficult Situations

"Choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:25).

2) Responding Right To Difficult People

When we rightly respond to difficult people, we communicate both God's wisdom and love.

"For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God" (1 Peter 2:20).

#1 Make a decision.	#4 Rejoice in God's wisdom .
#2 Remember God's love.	#5 Make most of each opportunity.
#3 Pray for your enemies (Rom 12:17-21)	#6 Don't budge.

Treat people extra kind, even the difficult people.

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Take Home Project

- Memory Verses (Colossians 1:13-14)

For He (Father) delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- Deepen our Devotion

Set aside 15 minutes three times this week to meditate on how special it is to be His and how undeserving you are to receive His grace.

- Monitoring our Mercifulness

* List the hardest thing you had to do in order to be faithful to God.
* Identify three difficult people or situations you now face in your daily lives in your spiritual journal. (Use the 6 step process).

#1
#2
#3

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Summary

A — I will always be grateful to the Lord for His choice for me.

B — I will joyfully carry out God's will no matter how difficult.

C — I have made a decision to be kind to others even as God has been gracious to me when it is hard.

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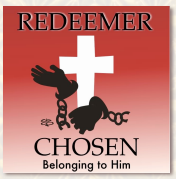

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