

Whose Are You?

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Living (zaō): In the sense of to exist, in an absolute sense and without end.

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Chosen (elektos): chosen

Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

Precious (entimos): precious

1 Peter 1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Who are you?

The Bible never means a physical building when it talks about 'the church'; it always means the whole of God's people or a group of them in a particular area.

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1 Peter 2:3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

1 Peter 1:14–16 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

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You are being built up (oikodomeisthe): build a house

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People are God’s sacred space.

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Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Hebrews 12:14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

1 Peter 2:6 For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him **will not be put to shame.**”

Who they are?

1 Peter 2:7–8 So the honor is for you who **believe**, but for **those who do not believe**, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

Psalms 118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

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Romans 1:18–21 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

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They were destined (tithēmi): to cause a state to be—‘to cause to be, to make to be, to make, to result in, to bring upon, to bring about.’

Romans 1:28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, **God gave them up** to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

Romans 9:22–23 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³ in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—

God does not actively destine people to unbelief; but He does appoint judgment (**doom**) on every unbeliever (John 3:18, 36; 8:24; 2 Thess. 1:6–9; Heb. 3:19; 4:11). God judges unbelievers as a consequence of their lack of love for Him, their disobedience to His Word, and their refusal to believe in Him.

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You may proclaim (exangellō): proclaim throughout

Psalms 105:1 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

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1 Peter 2:10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:11–12 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to **abstain** from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² **Keep** your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, **they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation**.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

all that we are rests on all that Jesus is.

The freelance Christian, who follows Jesus but is too good, too busy, or too self-sufficient for the church, is a walking contradiction. In the old covenant, God set his people apart *from* the nations. In the new covenant, he sets us apart as we live *among* the nations. But all of Scripture testifies that believers cannot be godly or fruitful without joining God's family and realizing some form of separation from the world.

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