

BELOVED BRANCHES

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CONTEXT & CULTURE

We have studied about Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary, the five women mentioned in Jesus' genealogy in Matthew 1. What more is there for us to study? Well, YOU. Did you find anything that you have in common with the five women in Jesus' family line? They weren't perfect and neither are we. Some of the women were foreigners to the chosen Jewish nation and so are we. That makes us Gentiles. Without being a descendant Jew, how can we say that we are in the family line of Christ? How can we call these women family and Jesus, our Savior, Father of us all?

1. Read Galatians 3:26-29

How are we children of God? Review the stories of the five women. Did they have faith?

* Through faith, I am a _____ of God.

2. Read Romans 11:16-18

How does Paul's picture language support grace over work righteousness?

* Because the root is _____, so are the branches.

3. Read I Peter 2:9-10

In what specific ways has God called you out of the darkness? How has God drawn you closer?

* I am God's _____ possession.

4. Read Romans 9:25-29

According to the prophets of the Old Testament, God could have swept out the Jews just like Sodom and Gomorrah. Why didn't he?

* God calls me _____ one.

5. Read Acts 10:34-46

Peter is speaking to Jews and Gentiles. How did the Holy Spirit affirm Peter's words (vs. 45)

* Through Jesus' name my sins are _____.



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APPLY / PRAY / MEDITATE



APPLICATION:

Who are you? What is your identity in Christ?

Did you notice the fill in the blanks above? Take the answers and write them below.

I AM God's _____.

I AM _____.

I AM _____ to God.

I AM _____ by God.

I AM _____!

ACTS PRAYER

Adoration <i>Praise God for who he is, what he has done, and what he will do.</i>	Confession <i>Confess sins, especially sins that relate to the reading.</i>	Thanksgiving <i>What are you grateful for? Look for blessings from the bible reading.</i>	Supplication <i>Ask of God. What do we need? What do others need?</i>

BIBLE STUDY PASSAGE FOR MEMORY OR MEDITATION:

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." - Romans 10:13