



"Chosen and Treasured"

For the week of October 8 - 14, 2017

Main Thought:

From before creation, we have been chosen and pre-qualified for a great spiritual inheritance. We also have been predestined to live holy lives that will honor God's purposes in unique ways. It is by faith we are born again into God's family and become sons and daughters, who He loves.

We are born into the family by believing and do not behave or perform our way into it. Once we believe in God, we belong to Him, and He does not reject us. Should we fall or fail, He will restore us. We have been marvelously and uniquely made in God's image to reflect His glory to others.

Main Passages:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will..." (Ephesians 1:3-5 ESV)

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV)

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." (Psalm 139:13-14 ESV)

Reflection:

- Why do you think we sometimes feel we have to perform in order to earn God's salvation when scripture clearly says that is only possible by faith in Jesus and His sacrifice?

Personal Application:

- We are saved by faith and not by works, but we are saved FOR good works to fulfill once we are His. What good work have you seen God do through you so far?
- Given how you are wired and gifted, what good work do you feel God wants to do through you moving forward? (If you were part of what happened in Las Vegas recently, how would you envision God using you?)

Prayer Targets:

- Pray for specific breakthroughs in group members' lives.
- Pray for healing and spiritual breakthrough in our church, state, and nation. Especially pray for those in Las Vegas.
- Pray by name for God to draw seeking friends and loved ones to Himself through you.

Communications:

Seek Week: October 24 - 26

We believe in the power of prayer and fasting. As a church, we will embark on three days of dynamic intercession, where we pause to seek God as He leads us forward with His mission. We encourage Grace Groups to turn into prayer groups on October 24 - 26 from 6:30pm-7:30pm at our Main Campus, or on October 24 from 7:00pm-8:00pm at Windward Community College. To see our prayer targets, go to pearlside.org/seekweek or check out our Pearlside App.