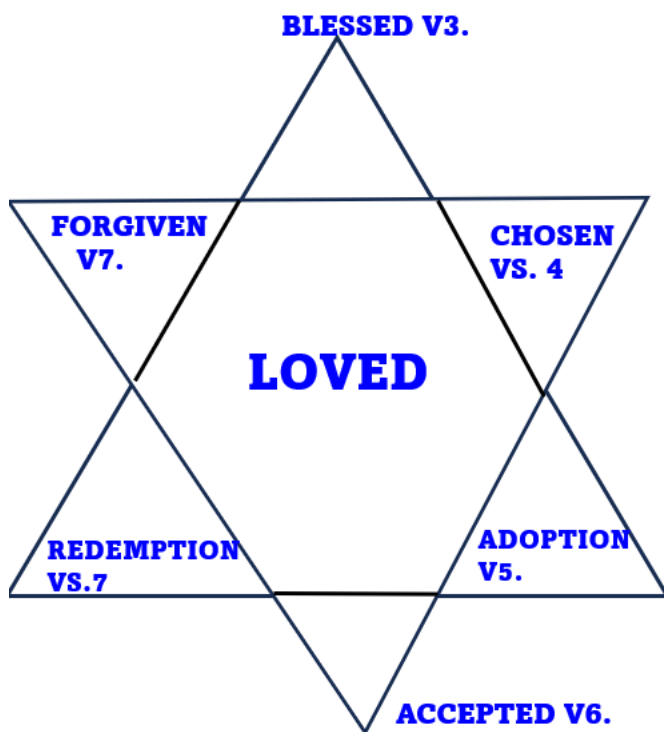


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Ephesians 1:3-7 - KJV



³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **blessed** us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

⁴According as he hath **chosen** us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

⁵Having predestinated us unto the **adoption** of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us **accepted** in the beloved.

⁷In whom we have **redemption** through his blood, the **forgiveness** of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

What are several priority results of believing we are who God says we are?

1. **SECURITY**: countless **POOR** decisions are made from nothing more than **INSECURITY**. Matthew 11:29-30 ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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2. **Righteousness Credited** to our **Account**.

3. Glorious **liberation** from the **burden** of our own sins. Romans 4:6-8- *So also David pronounces a blessing on those to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works: ⁷“Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not reckon sin.”* Reckon... in the Greek means to calculate, count...compute... God is not in the business of counting our sins... This doesn't give us free reign to act a fool... We still have a responsibility to obey God and authentic repentance when we don't... He expect us to when we know better we do better... God has forgiven and will forgive us...

Psalms 32: 1-5, *Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up^[a] as by the heat of summer. Selah ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah*

• “Transgression”—pesa—generally represents **rebellious** sin. “Denotes **willful** deviation from the **PATH** of righteousness, a **premeditated** crossing of the **Line** of God’s law, a **rebellious** act of rejecting God’s **authority**.”

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- “Sins”—hata’ah— (HEBREW) is often used in reference to SIN in GENERAL.
- 4. Obedience __: Obedience comes from Faith .

Romans 1:5 *⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name,*

Homework:

Repeat the five-statement pledge of faith at a minimum of three times a day.

- God is who is who He says He is,
- GOD CAN DO WHAT HE WHAT SAYS HE CAN DO
- I AM WHO GOD SAYS I AM
 - **Loved, Blessed, chosen, adopted, accepted, redeemed and forgiven...**
- I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST
- GOD’S WORD IS ALIVE AND ACTIVE IN ME
- I’M BELIEVE GOD

WRITE A letter to God expressing your area of insecurities... ask God to help you identify the root cause of your insecurities... pray for healing .