

## **You are loved and chosen by God**

**Ephesians 1:4 NLT**

**4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.**

The Creator of all things, the Almighty God thought about you and me before He created anything, and **He loved us.**

### **1. GOD LOVES PEOPLE**

**Who is this God who loved me before my existence?**

**1 John 4:7-8**

**7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

**The God who created you and me is LOVE. The God of the Bible is Love.**

The Holy God, who is Love, is above everything and everyone.

**Psalms 95:3**

**For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods.**

The only true God loves the whole world, and He knows each one of us by name. You are not just a number in the crowd, your life matters to Him.

**Psalms 139:13-16**

### **2. GOD LOVES FAMILIES**

**What is a family?**

Since God created the first family, and family was His idea, I think we should allow Him to define for us what family is.

He created male and female and together they formed the first family unit in the history of mankind. Then came the children, and this is how the population continued to grow throughout the ages, through families.

One of the first promises God made to a man had to do with nations and families. That man was called Abraham.

**Genesis 22:17-18**

**17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."**

In this promise God said that from the seed of this man Abraham all the nations of the earth would be blessed. This is a very powerful promise.

He said to Jacob:

**Genesis 28:14**

**Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**

How can words spoken to a man thousands of years ago impact me and my family? To answer that question, we need to go back to the beginning when God created the first family. Adam and Eve were the perfect family until something bad happened. It started with the couple's relationship with God being severed through sin, and from then on things started falling apart in that family.

Brokenness in families is one of the consequences of sin and people's choices.

### **3. GOD RESPONDED TO SIN AND BROKENNESS**

The promise that God made to Abraham was His response to the sin and brokenness that came to the first human family, which then affected all people and all the families of the world.

Who is the Seed of Abraham?

**Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.**

**The Seed of Abraham is Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.**

There is the seed of Abraham physically, his descendants in the flesh, but what God had in mind was something beyond Abraham's natural descendants.

**THE SEED** was Christ, God incarnate who came into this world through the lineage of this man Abraham.

**Galatians 3:8-9**

**Galatians 3:29**

**29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

This is how that specific promise reaches all the families of the earth. Everyone who believes in Jesus by faith is entitled to the blessing.

**Acts 3:25-26; John 8:56**

**Galatians 3:13-14**

The 'blessing' promised to Abraham that would touch all the families of the earth can only be obtained at the foot of the Cross when someone repents of their sins and invites Jesus Christ into their lives.

**Romans 5:8**

**8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

In Jesus we have a better covenant with God than Abraham did, and with better promises.

**Ephesians 1:3**

**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,**

**10 Blessings:**

1. We have Eternal life.

**Romans 6:23**

2. We have forgiveness.

**Ephesians 1:7**

3. We have the Holy Spirit in us.  
**2 Corinthians 1:21-22**
4. We are a new creation.  
**2 Corinthians 5:17**
5. No one can separate us from the love of God.  
**Romans 8:35; 38-39**
6. We receive good gifts from our Father.  
**Matthew 7:11**
7. God looks after us, His children.  
**Matt. 6:31-33**
8. We can ask God for help in all areas of our lives.  
**Hebrews 4:16 ; Ephesians 3:20**
9. We have delegated authority to resist the enemy of our souls, the Devil.  
**James 4:7**
10. God will never abandon us.  
**Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20**

#### **4. GOD STILL RESPONDS TO BROKENNESS TODAY**

As I've mentioned before, sin brought brokenness to our world, but God who is Love, compassionate and merciful is still in the 'business' of mending people, saving people, healing people, delivering people, comforting people and transforming people's lives.

##### **Psalm 27:10**

**10 When my father and my mother forsake me,  
Then the Lord will take care of me.**

##### **Psalm 67:6**

**God sets the solitary in families; (...)**

God wants you in His family.

##### **Ephesians 2:19**

**Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints  
and members of the household of God,**

The Household of God is His family, you can become one of His children.

The household of God is also the Church.