

1 Peter: Living for God in a Sinful World

God Our Father Chose Us: Our Identity

1 Peter 1:1

(1:1-2) **I am writing to God's chosen people . . . God the Father knew you and chose you long ago.**

(2:9) **You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God.**

Primary Point: You Christian are one of the relatively few people in all of humanity that God has chosen to love.

A) God chose you because He loves you (Mark 13:20, 22, 27; John 15:19; Eph 1:4-5)

God chose us by His grace, not because of our works (Rom 11:5; Eph 2:8-9; 2 Tim 1:9)

God does not love everyone (John 3:16, 18, 36; Deut 7:6-8; Acts 11:18; Rev 5:9)

Trust God with people's eternal destiny. (Rom 9:10-16)

B) The love of God illustrated in Noah (1 Pet 3:20)

Out of an estimated 10 *billion* people, God chose to love and forgive only 8. What does this tell us?

God is a holy scary God (Rom 1:18)

Salvation is by grace

God's love and grace is very rare (Matt 7:13-14; 22:14)

C) You could not be more valuable than you already are

Discussion ?'s

- 1) What was most meaningful to you about the Sunday message?
- 2) What does it mean to you to be chosen by God?
- 3) Can you explain what John 3:16 really means?
- 4) How does popular theology about God's love cheapen His love for us?
- 5) What similarities are there between you and Noah's family?
- 6) What are things we do to still try to feel significant? On what does God want us to base our value?