

The 28 Beliefs To Build a God-honoring Life

May 18: #12 The Church

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June 22: #14 Unity in the Body

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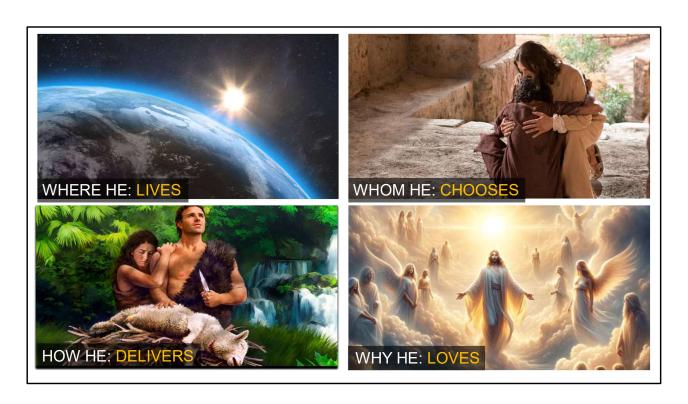




Matthew 11:27

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.





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Isaiah 57:15

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place...



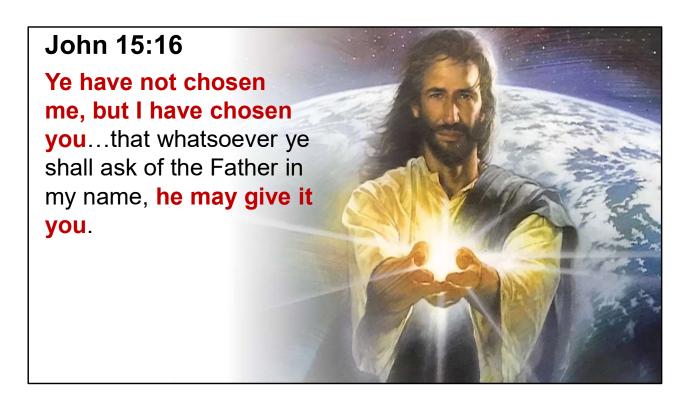


John 14:1-3

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.



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- 1. **Source of Life and Nourishment:** Just as a vine is the source of life and nourishment for its branches, Jesus is the spiritual source of life and sustenance for his followers. By being connected to him, they receive the spiritual nourishment needed to grow and bear fruit.
- 2. **Dependence and Unity:** Just as branches cannot bear fruit on their own but must remain connected to the vine, followers of Jesus must remain connected to him to produce spiritual fruit. This emphasizes the dependence of believers on Jesus for their spiritual growth and effectiveness.
- 3. **Fruitful Living:** Jesus speaks of bearing fruit as a symbol of living a life that reflects his teachings, love, and character. Remaining connected to him allows believers to exhibit qualities such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

4. **Pruning:** Jesus mentions pruning, which involves cutting away unnecessary or unhealthy parts of the vine, to promote better growth and fruitfulness. This can represent the challenges and refining experiences believers go through to become more aligned with Christ's character.

In essence, by referring to himself as "The Vine," Jesus is conveying the importance of an intimate and ongoing relationship with him. Just as branches draw their life and sustenance from the vine, believers are encouraged to draw their spiritual life, guidance, and strength from Jesus through faith, prayer, and following his teachings. This metaphor emphasizes the concept of abiding in Jesus, which leads to a life of spiritual abundance and fruitful living.

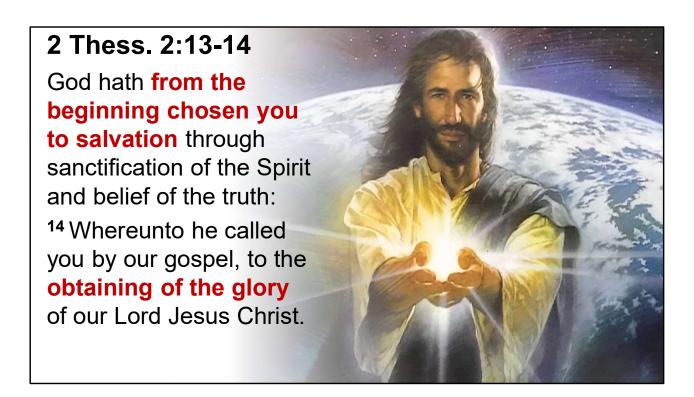
Ephesians 1:4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...just as <u>He chose us</u> in Him before the foundation of the world.

2 Timothy 1:9

Who has saved us...according to His own purpose and grace before time began.





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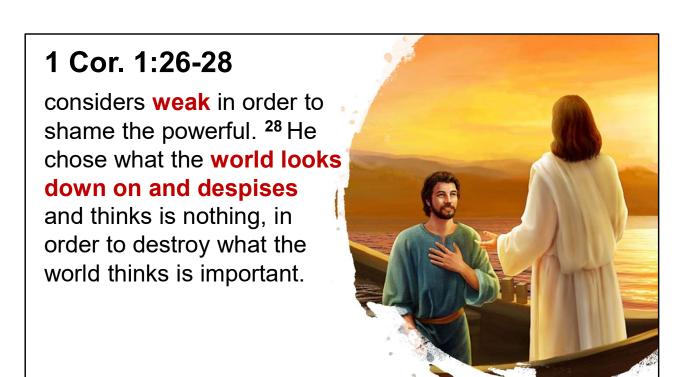
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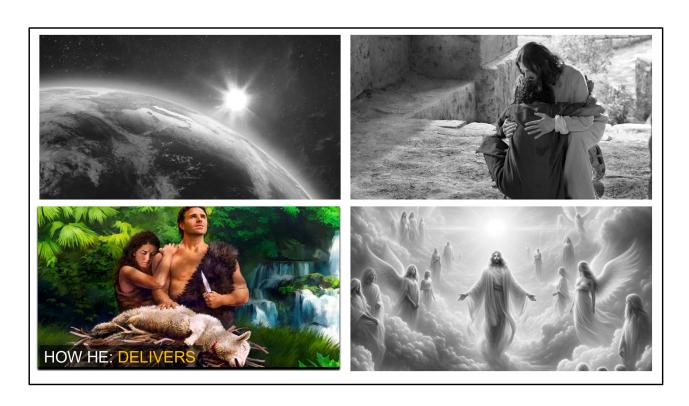
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- 1. Chosen to Salvation
- 2. Through Sanctification
- 3. To obtain the Glory of Christ!

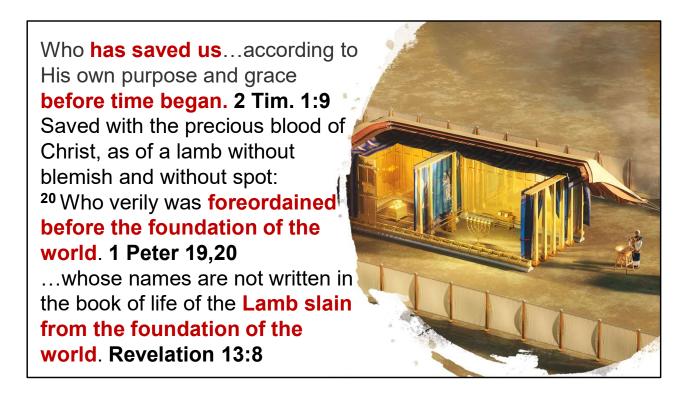
1 Cor. 1:26-28

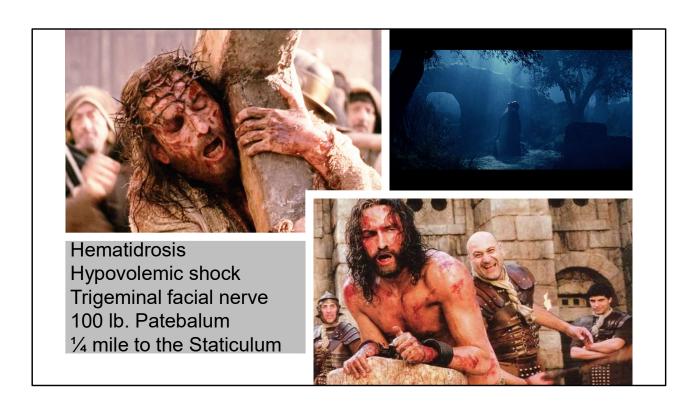
Now remember what you were, my friends, when God called you. From the human point of view few of you were wise or powerful or of high social standing. ²⁷ God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise, and he chose what the world



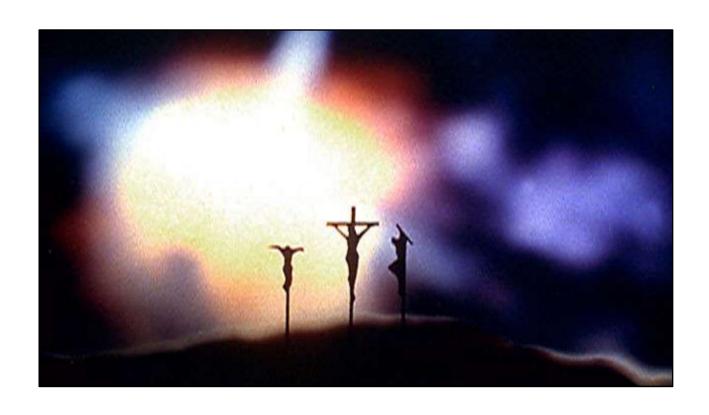


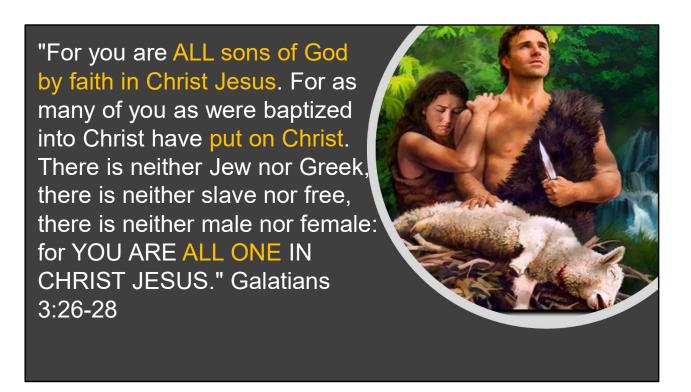
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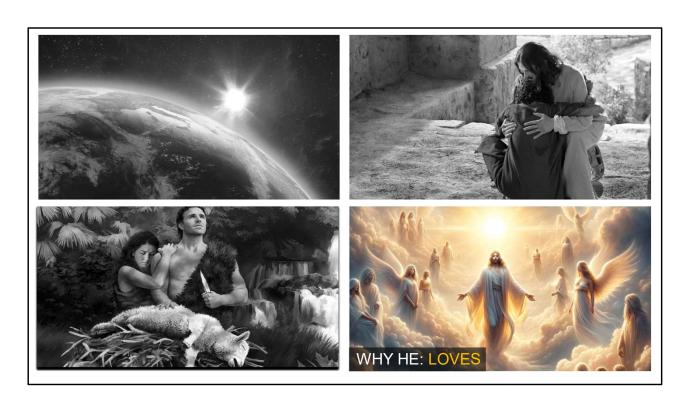












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John 17:1,2

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

² As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. I pray for them: I



John 17:9-12

pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that

John 17:9-12,21-24

thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost...

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given



John 17:9-12,21-24

them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

²⁴ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that



John 17:9-12,21-24

they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

...And be ye kind one to another...forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4:32



Revelation 21:1-4

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

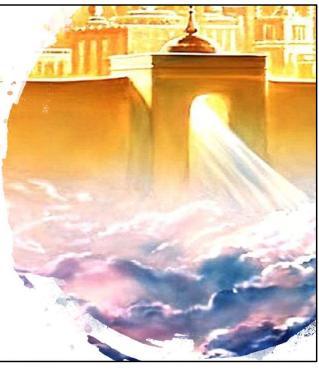
² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

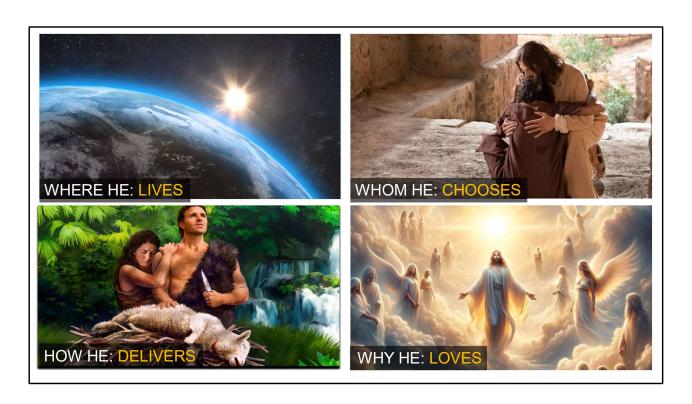
³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, **Behold**, the



Revelation 21:1-4

tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. ⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.





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