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THE CHRISTIAN'S JOURNEY

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LESSON
1

Chosen and Loved by God

Text: Deuteronomy 7:6-8; Romans 5:1-8

Lesson Aim: The student will show God's love toward all nations, tongues and kindred.

ACTIVITY:

Look up each of the verses below. Next to them write a few thoughts on what they say about those chosen by God.

Romans 8:28-30

Ephesians 1:3, 4

John 15:16

1 Peter 2:9

Colossians 3:12

DEFINITION:
Pharaoh: Leader of ancient Egypt that functioned as a king, general and religious leader.

ICEBREAKER:
Do you enjoy or appreciate being chosen for a special honor or responsibility?

Moses' Final Address

The book of Deuteronomy is the final address of Moses to the children of Israel. The word Deuteronomy means second law, so this is Moses' recounting of how God had worked in the lives of the people of Israel. In this chapter, Moses warned the people of Israel not to get involved with heathen nations and their gods because God is a jealous God and does not want anyone other than Himself to influence them.

The same is true for His people today. We are to be holy, which simply means set apart (sanctified). We are set apart by God to do the work for which He has called us.

Why did God choose the nation of Israel to be His special people?

Why is God jealous of other so-called gods?

What does it mean that God sets people apart for His service?

DEFINITION:

Heathen: Someone who worships someone or something other than God and follows a belief other than the one true faith.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

God's command to not get involved with the pagan nations around them shows that the influence that others can have on you has been a concern since the very beginning.

God Chose Israel

Moses made it clear that God's love had nothing to do with anything the Israelites had done. It is the same with those who come to salvation in Him today. It isn't our goodness that makes God choose us; it is the fact that the "love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost" (Romans 5:5).

Paul told the Ephesians exactly what they were prior to God's love, that made a change in their lives, and it's obvious there was no virtue in them. It is the same for all who are saved. All of us "were dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1).

What does it mean that there was no virtue in the Ephesians before salvation?

How would you explain to a friend that he is dead in his trespasses and sins without Jesus?

Read and explain Romans 5:7.

DEFINITION:

Trespasses and Sins: Words used interchangeably but trespasses are violations against God's Law while sin is missing God's mark.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

God often chooses the smallest and the weakest. The one whom no one else would choose because he is the one who can most clearly reveal His power.

DEFINITION:

Redeem: To buy back something that was lost or possessed by someone else.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

The greatest sign of God's love is not answering prayer, but it is simply the cross. You never have to question God's love for you because He loved you enough to send His Son, Jesus to die for you.

God Loved Israel

Love is an action word. It does none of us any good unless it is put into action. If the Israelites had been chosen without God proving His love, that would have done them absolutely no good. God proved His love for the children of Israel by keeping the promise He had made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that He would make Israel a great nation. His love was proven by His redeeming the Israelites from their bondage in the land of Egypt.

How is love an action word?

In what ways are God's love and His faithfulness connected?

Read Romans 5:8, what is so remarkable about God's love?

The Heart of the Matter

God chose Israel not because of who they were but because of who He is.

The same is for you. If you are saved, God has chosen you but not because of you but because of Jesus and your faith in Him.