

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH
SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE
July 17, 2022

Greg Allen, Pastor

This morning's message is taken from

Ephesians 1:4-6

CHOSEN IN LOVE

Welcome!

We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service. We sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.

Order of Service

(hymns attached)

Welcome

Hymn #575, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Hymn #89, "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Church Family Time

Message

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:19-23

Hymn #572, "Blessed Assurance"

Closing Prayer

Hymn #575: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Elisha A. Hoffman

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

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Hymn #89: Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Bernard of Clairvaux; Edward Caswall, John B. Dykes

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest Name,
O Savior of mankind!

O Hope of every contrite heart,
O Joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is--
None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now
And thro' eternity.

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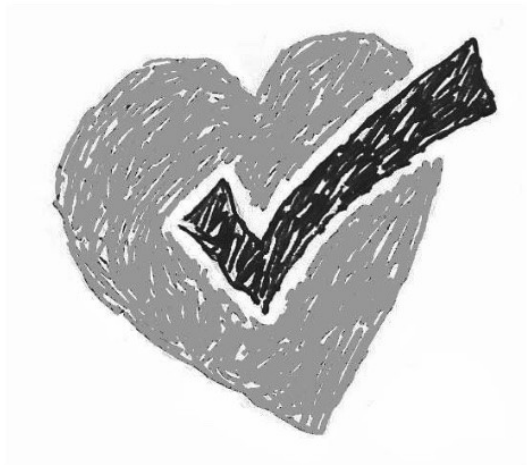
This morning's message is part of our ongoing series from the New Testament epistle to the Ephesians; and is taken from Ephesians 1:4-6

CHOSEN IN LOVE

In Ephesians 1:3, we're told that God has blessed the believer with "every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ". And in this morning's passage, we're shown the blessings we have in Christ from the heavenly Father.

Among the things that every human being needs are genuine value, significance and belonging. And in verses 4-6, Paul shows us that we who are in Jesus through faith have been given infinite value, significance and belonging by the heavenly Father.

- 1. WE HAVE INFINITE VALUE BECAUSE HE CHOSE US BEFORE CREATION IN CHRIST (v. 4).**
(See Romans 8:28-30; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 1 Peter 1:1-2; Acts 13:48).
- 2. WE HAVE INFINITE SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE HE WILLINGLY ADOPTED US THROUGH CHRIST (v. 5).**
(See John 1:12-13; 20:17).
- 3. WE HAVE INFINITE BELONGING BECAUSE HE NOW ALWAYS WELCOMES US IN CHRIST (v. 6).**
(See John 3:16-17; 16:25-27; 17:20-23).



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Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:19-23 (NKJV)

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

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Hymn #572: Blessed Assurance

Fanny J. Crosby

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus

Perfect submission—all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus

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Thank you for joining us!

Be sure to visit our website at www.bethanybible.org for sermon and Bible study notes – and join us each Wednesday at 10:00AM (PST) for our Wednesday morning Bible study (broadcast at 12PM PST)!

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Thank you, and God bless you!