

January 4, 2015  
**“Chosen For Greatness!”**  
**(Ephesians 1: 3-6)**

People have been \_\_\_\_\_ through the ages for all kinds of reasons.

The men of Chelm, Poland decided that the chief sage, Moishe must wear a pair of \_\_\_\_\_.

When Moishe got his shoes covered in mud they decided Moishe would wear the golden shoes on his \_\_\_\_\_.

In our text, Paul is saying that before God created the world, God chose \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to be His people!

I'm convinced that our greatest problem is not that we think too much of ourselves, but that we are unaware of just how great our \_\_\_\_\_ really is.

We puff ourselves up and strut around as if we owned the world. That is the result of a marked sense of \_\_\_\_\_.

But what if we really are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God?

What would happen to us if we claimed the \_\_\_\_\_ of God this New Year and began \_\_\_\_\_ as sons and daughters of God?

**Wouldn't our lives have a new \_\_\_\_\_?**

I worry about people today, because we have moved farther from \_\_\_\_\_. We have also moved farther away from the idea that our lives have any real \_\_\_\_\_.

It would break my heart if you left this room today thinking that because we are chosen of God that we are somehow more \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love than anyone else in this world!

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The truth is that our neighbors are \_\_\_\_\_ of God too. The difference is that they don't know it.

**1.- A Moral Code to \_\_\_\_\_.**

People who understand that they are \_\_\_\_\_ of God understand the need to live by a \_\_\_\_\_ code.

The answer sons and daughters of God give to anyone who would tempt them to violate their moral code:

“ \_\_\_\_\_!”

**2. – A Cause They can \_\_\_\_\_.**

God has no plan “\_\_\_\_\_.” He's depending on \_\_\_\_\_!

Children of God have a moral code they can \_\_\_\_\_ and a cause they can \_\_\_\_\_ -- the cause of bringing the entire world into the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

**3. – A Creed we can \_\_\_\_\_ in.**

Apostles' Creed: *“I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only Son...”*

You have been \_\_\_\_\_!

Don't let this secular world rob you of your feeling of \_\_\_\_\_ as a child of God!

Hold on to what is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

Give some thought to this simple formula for a meaningful and purpose-filled life and make it your own:

A moral code to follow; A cause to serve; and A creed to believe in.