

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.