



CHRISTIANS LISTEN TO A DIFFERENT VOICE

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1. **Intro:** Was there ever a time when you were picked first for a game or a team as a child? What about picked last? How did either of those times that make you feel?
2. **Read Ephesians 1:4.** Dan argues that we are chosen because of “unconditional, undeserved, gracious love,” but that we are also chosen with purpose in mind. What is that purpose, and how does Jesus become our frame of reference for living out that purpose?
3. **Read Genesis 3:1-5.** How did the serpent seed the lie that humans could be “self-made” men and women, successful on their own? How does that lie persist in our culture today? In areas of our own lives?
4. **Read Ephesians 1:5 and Matthew 5:9.** Why is “Christian” more than a religious designation? In what way does that name relate to our place in God’s family? When we act as peacemakers in the biblical sense of bringing wholeness and healing, how does it point others to Christ and to our heritage as children of God?
5. **Read Ephesians 1:7.** In what ways does Christ’s sacrifice to rescue us from death and sin demonstrate the value we have in God’s eyes? How does it change how we view and treat others?
6. When we understand that we are chosen to be holy, adopted into God’s family, and valuable in God’s eyes, it can motivate us to represent Jesus, the Prince of Peace, through our actions. What are some practical ways of being a peacemaker in your home and community this week?

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

1. What does it mean to be chosen? What does it mean to be chosen by God? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew that God was able to save them. What does “God is able” mean to you?
2. What does it mean to be a peacemaker? *Stay tuned for Faithbridge Kids! to learn more!
3. As you share in the Lord’s Supper, remember how much God loves you!