



# 10 VERSES

*That Remind Us*

WHO GOD SAYS WE ARE

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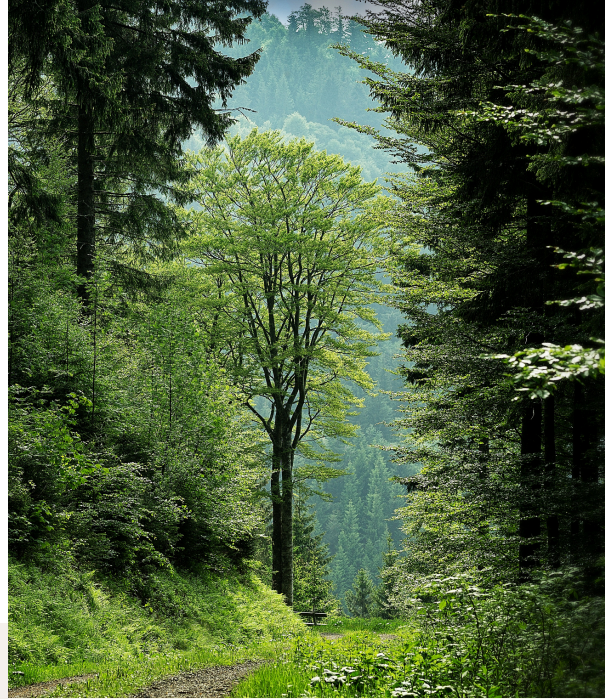
# Remember

## WHO YOU ARE:

- 01 God says you are His beloved child.
  - 02 God says you are chosen.
  - 03 God says you are a holy temple.
  - 04 God says you are made in His image.
  - 05 God says you are valuable.
  - 06 God says you are His friend.
  - 07 God says you are His ambassador.
  - 08 God says you are forgiven.
  - 09 God says you have a purpose.
  - 10 God says you are redeemed.
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# *Who are* **YOU?**



I invite you to grab your Bible and open it up so we can discover some sweet verses that declare who God says you are. While the list below only scratches the surface, let it be a springboard to relish in His love as He proclaims who He says you are! Then let His Words and beautiful truths settle into your heart, reminding you that you were so intricately made with love and called to a greater purpose, setting your sights beyond this world and embracing eternity.

In a world filled with endless mixed messages, it's easy to get lost in the fog and be deceived by half-truths or flat-out fabrications of God's Word. Now, more than ever, we need to have handheld copies of the Bible, maybe even in multiple translations, so when something doesn't seem to add up or make sense, we can go straight to His

Word and seek to find the real and absolute truth God is trying to reveal to us. There are even more mixed messages in today's culture that baffle many, including believers, about who God says we are. Are we really precious in His sight? Priceless? Cherished? A one-of-a-kind, unique creation made on purpose? Are we really fully known and fully loved?

*Who are we, exactly? More importantly, who does God say we are?*

# 1. GOD SAYS YOU ARE *His Beloved Child.*

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." - 1 John 3:1-2

The very nature of our God is love, which envelops His holiness, purity, righteousness, compassion, justice, and mercy. While God loves all His creation, when we make a profession of faith, we immediately become His "beloved" children (Ephesians 3:26).

Being a beloved child of God is a powerful statement that holds so much significance as no other relationship will even come close or compare (1 Corinthians 13:8a).

When we understand the gravity of that, we learn to revere and respect God as Father. You are the beloved child of the Creator of the universe, and He wants to have an intimate and personal relationship with you. Tuck that in your heart today!



# Digging

## DEEPER

Look up Ephesians 3:26 and write it below:

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Look up 1 Corinthians 13:8a and write it below.

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*This is who God  
says you are!*

## 2. *God Says You Are* **CHOSEN**

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." - 1 Peter 2:9



God has always had a special place in His heart for the people of Israel. We see this weaved throughout the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 7:6). As believers, we have the honor and privilege of gaining a spiritual connection to God through the Lord Jesus Christ. In His sovereignty, God chose you (Titus 1:1, Ephesians 1:11). Praise be to God for that!



### Deuteronomy 7:6

"For you are a holy people, who belong to the Lord your God. Of all the people on earth, the Lord your God has chosen you to be his own special treasure."

### Titus 1:1

"This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives."



### Ephesians 1:11

"Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan."

# *Digging* DEEPER



What stands out to you in the verses on the previous page?

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How does it make you feel to know you have been chosen by God?

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Take a moment to write a brief prayer thanking God for choosing you.

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# 3. GOD SAYS YOU ARE

*A Holy Temple*

Paul is addressing the church in Corinth, stating that as a church body, God dwells inside of us, allowing us to go forth and live on a mission.

As a church, we are to honor this sacred and holy dwelling and use it to connect and reflect on the nature of God, deepening our faith while also striving to reach out to the lost and unbelievers.

God says we are to live with a mission mindset. We are the light to a lost and dark world (Matthew 5:14-16)!



*"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person, for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple."  
- 1 Corinthians 3:16-17*

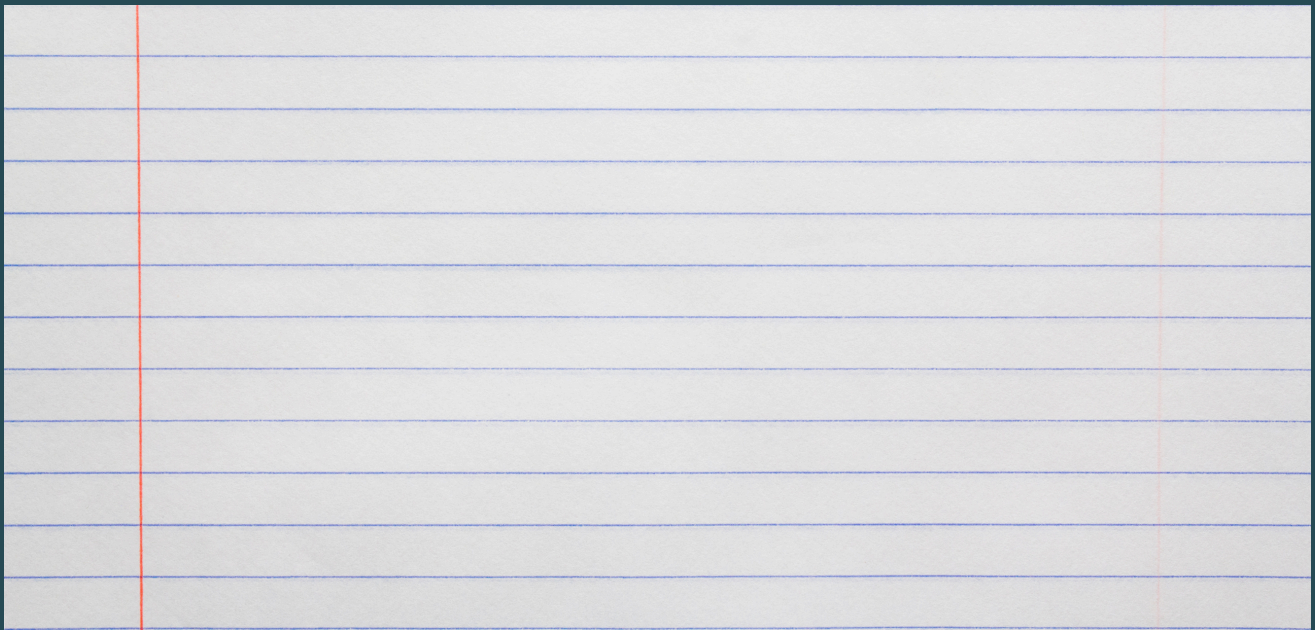


"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD—LIKE A CITY ON A HILLTOP THAT CANNOT BE HIDDEN. NO ONE LIGHTS A LAMP AND THEN PUTS IT UNDER A BASKET. INSTEAD, A LAMP IS PLACED ON A STAND, WHERE IT GIVES LIGHT TO EVERYONE IN THE HOUSE. IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR GOOD DEEDS SHINE OUT FOR ALL TO SEE, SO THAT EVERYONE WILL PRAISE YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER."

MATTHEW 5:14-16

TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE VERSE ABOVE.

- CIRCLE THE WORDS THAT STAND OUT TO YOU.
- UNDERLINE THE TEXT THAT HIT YOU THE MOST.
- NOTE BELOW HOW THIS CHANGES THE WAY YOU SEE YOURSELF.



DIGGING *Deeper*

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."  
- Genesis 1:27

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# 4. GOD SAYS YOU ARE

*Made in His Image.*



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God does not take His creation lightly. In fact, when He speaks things into existence, there is value and a grander plan far beyond what we will fully know or begin to understand.

That said, the very specific human blueprint not only claims we differ from anything else He created but that God's distinct love for us is quite beautiful and unique.

We matter so deeply to Him that He made us with attributes that resemble His own so that we can connect with Him in a meaningful and purposeful way. Just ponder that thought next time you see your reflection in the mirror.

In the space the right, describe yourself: what you look like, the way you think, the things that you value, talents, & hobbies. Describe what your life is like, and thank God for designing you!



*You were made in God's image.*

# 5. GOD SAYS YOU ARE

*Valuable*

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" - Matthew 6:26

Jesus reminds His followers (and us) that our value is far more than that of any other creation, and if He cares for their basic needs, how much more will He care for us, His most beloved creation?

Obviously enough to ensure our salvation so that we can spend eternity with Him (1 Peter 1:18-19)! Yes, you are seen as a priceless treasure, which is why Jesus paid it all so you could freely live.

For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.  
-1 Peter 1:18-19



# Digging DEEPER

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## Look at the birds.

Stop to look at the birds today. Listen to their song early in the morning. Consider putting a bird feeder somewhere you will glance at often. We don't often take time to look at the birds up close or listen to their songs' delicate and detailed nature. But doing so allows us to witness God's incredible creation! He creates everything with that same detail ...including you! Scripture reminds us that we are so much more valuable! Let that sink in over and over again!



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## Learning to trust God.

Scripture also reminds us God feeds the birds. Do you trust that God, who made you on purpose, for a specific purpose, will care and provide for you? If you don't, what is holding you back? I encourage you to talk to God about it in prayer, so He can help you grow in that area of your faith.

*"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" - Matthew 6:26*

## 6. *God Says You Are* **HIS FRIEND**



"You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

- John 15:14-15



We are not only God's beloved chosen children, but He also tells us that we are His friends. It just boggles my mind that our majestic and awesome Creator God is so powerful, yet so personal, seeking a friendship with us!



Not only that, but befriending God is the most tender, mystifying, and rewarding relationship we will ever experience on this side of heaven. How sweet is that?

# DEEPER

*Praying*



## ESV Global Study Bible :

"You are my friends. In the OT, only Abraham and Moses are called friends of God (Ex. 33:11; Isa. 41:8). Jesus extends this privilege to all obedient believers."



## Exodus 33:11

"1 Inside the Tent of Meeting, the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Afterward Moses would return to the camp, but the young man who assisted him, Joshua son of Nun, would remain behind in the Tent of Meeting."



## Isaiah 41:8

"But as for you, Israel my servant, Jacob my chosen one, descended from Abraham my friend."



God has given us a job to do while on this earth. We are called to speak love, truth, and life into a lost and secular world.

As we grow in our relationship with God and abide in Him, He will lead and direct our paths to mirror His image to others who need to know of His great love and divine mercy.

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NIV Study Bible:

“Christ’s ambassadors.

The honor of Christ and his church is in his ambassadors’ hands. He expects them to represent him well.

People will think more highly or less highly of Christ and his church based on the effectiveness of his ambassadors’ service.”

# 7. GOD SAYS YOU ARE *His Ambassador*

*“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”  
- 2 Corinthians 5:20*





Take a moment to reflect on the opportunities you have to represent Christ in your life at home, work, and in your community.

Write a brief prayer asking God to help you represent Him well in all areas of your life.

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*Praying*  
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8. *God Says You Are*  
**FORGIVEN**



"I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name." - 1 John 2:12

God is forever faithful and so rich in grace that when we take our hurting hearts and sinful flesh to Him in prayer, earnestly seeking forgiveness, the slate is wiped clean—we are forgiven and set free! It's really that simple.

"But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many.

But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ."  
-Romans 5:15

We can so easily complicate it and live with the chains of our past or present convictions that we allow the weight of our sins to cause dissonance or contention with God.

However, when we do that, we fail to recognize the magnitude of the cross.

"Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.:  
-Ephesians 4:32

*You are forgiven.*

# DIGGING

*Reaper*

Read 1 John 2:12 in the different translations and paraphrases below. Circle, underline, highlight and note what stands out to you.

English Standard Version

"I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake."

The Voice (paraphrase)

We are deeply loved by God. When we turn and love those members of our faith family whom God loves, we are set apart and different from the world. "I am writing to you, my children, because your sins have been forgiven by the authority of His name."

New King James Version

"I write to you, little children,  
Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake."

The Message (paraphrase)

"I remind you, my dear children: Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. You veterans were in on the ground floor, and know the One who started all this; you newcomers have won a big victory over the Evil One. And a second reminder, dear children: You know the Father from personal experience. You veterans know the One who started it all; and you newcomers—such vitality and strength! God's word is so steady in you. Your fellowship with God enables you to gain a victory over the Evil One."

Amplified Bible

"I am writing to you, little children (believers, dear ones), because your sins have been forgiven for His name's sake [you have been pardoned and released from spiritual debt through His name because you have confessed His name, believing in Him as Savior]."



# 9. God Says You Have A PURPOSE

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"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

- Romans 8:28



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God's Word is full of promises and can give us so much assurance in a world filled with confusion and uncertainty. As believers, we can have the comfort of knowing that God has a plan and purpose for our lives. While that doesn't mean life will be perfect, it does mean we have a perfect Creator who is working all things out for good.

*You were created on  
purpose, with a purpose.*

# Digging DEEPER



“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”  
-Romans 8:28

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## ESV Global Study Bible

“Good in this context means being like Christ (v. 29), enjoying closer fellowship with God, bearing good fruit for the kingdom, and final glorification (v. 30). It does not mean earthly pleasures.”

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## Romans 8:29

“For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”

## Romans 8:30

“And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.”

*10. Good Says You're*

**REDEEMED**



"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." - Ephesians 1:7



When we accept Jesus into our lives and start walking by faith, we become transformed and a new creation. Oh, friend, by the blood of Jesus, we are fully sanctified, forgiven, and saved by grace.



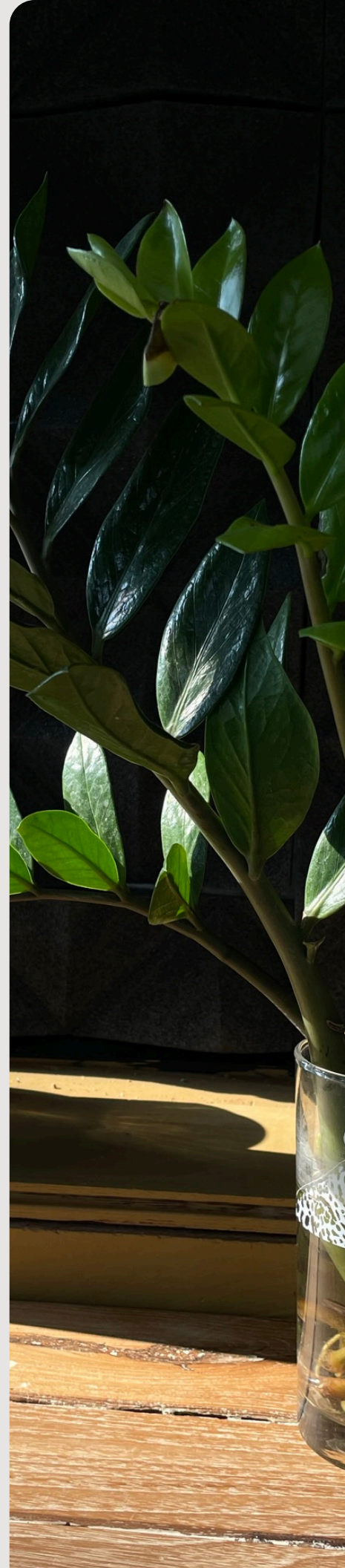
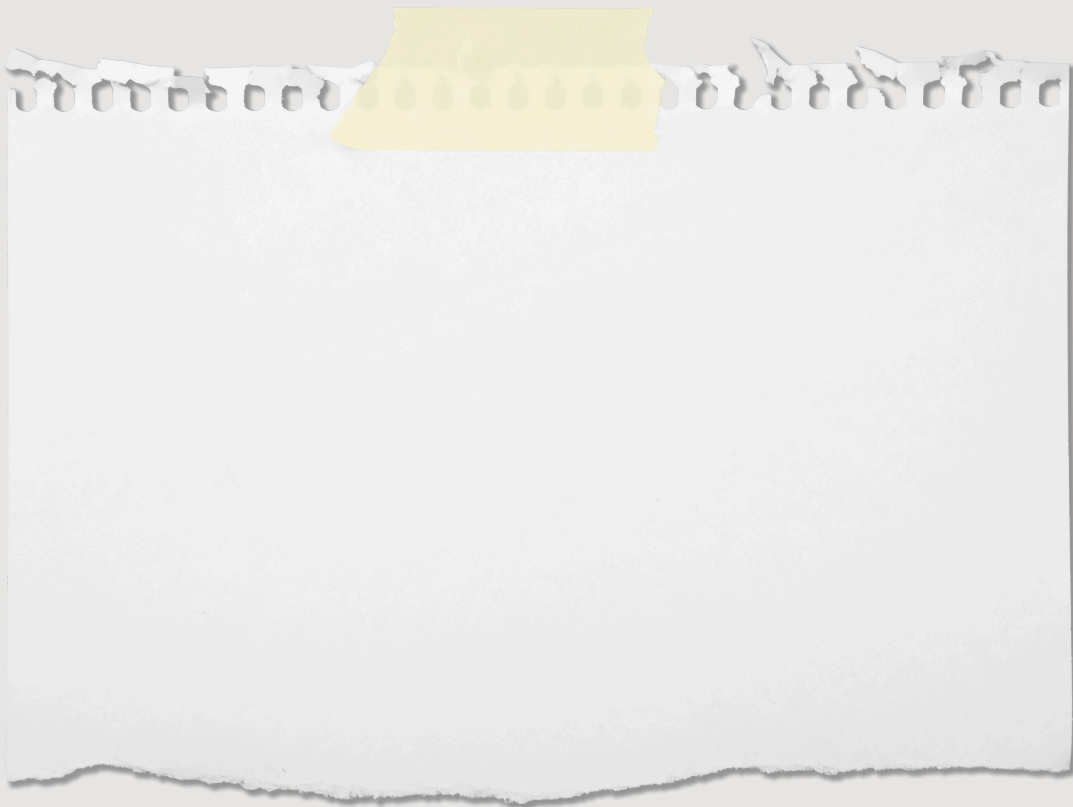
We are no longer bound by our sins, but we can praise the Lord that we are redeemed and given the promise of a forever home spent in eternity with Him! Hallelujah!

# DIGGING *Deeper*

Let's Pray:

Father, thank you for being such a good and faithful Father, giving us a glimpse of Your incredible love for us in Your Word. As we meet with You on those precious pages, please reclaim truth over our hearts and remind us who YOU say we are. We love You and praise Your holy name. Amen.

**WRITE EPHESIANS 1:7 BELOW:**



# NOTES

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