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**Why Me, Lord?**

The Christian is beloved and chosen in Christ from eternity unto salvation. Every Christian must ask the question : Why did God love me and choose me? Who am I that He should love me so? Let us consider, firstly, the “who” question from God’s word.

I am a sinner. (Rom.3:23). The wages of sin is death. (Rom.6:23). I am dead in trespasses and sins. (Eph.2:1). I am alienated from God. (Col.1:21). I am unable to respond to the things of God. (1Cor.2:14). I hate God. (Rom.1:30). I do not subject myself to and obey God’s law. (Rom.8:7). I am hostile to God, waging war against God. (Rom.8:7; Col.1:21). I am unable to please God. (Rom.8:8). I do not love God. (Jn.14:15; 1Jn.5:3). If I was there in Jerusalem I would have joined in the shouting, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”. (Matt.27:22-23; Acts 2:23). This short paragraph does not exhaust God’s answer to the question of “Who?”.

So why did He love me? In Deut.7:6-8a Moses said to the Israelites, “For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the LORD loved you....” Israel, why did the LORD love you? Because the LORD loved you.

Why did Lord love me? Because the Lord loved me. The answer is in God, not in me. There is no further explanation beyond what He said. With the establishing of the new covenant God is now saying to Christians, “you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now

you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1Pet.2:9-10). Oh the unfathomable riches of God’s grace to us in Christ! (Eph.3:8).