

“For He Chose Us In HIM”

- Ephesians 1:3-4 - *3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. NIV*

- *“God is crazy about you. If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If God had a wallet, your picture would be in it. Whenever you would talk, He would listen. And you might go days without thinking of Him, but there would never be a moment when He would not be thinking of you.”*



• I Peter 2:9 - *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*

- **We are chosen in Christ**
- **We were chosen in Christ before the world**
- **We were chosen in Christ for a purpose**

WE ARE CHOSEN IN CHRIST

- *Vs 11 - In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.*
- **IN HIM WE WERE CHOSEN!**

- Matthew 16:13-16 - *"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

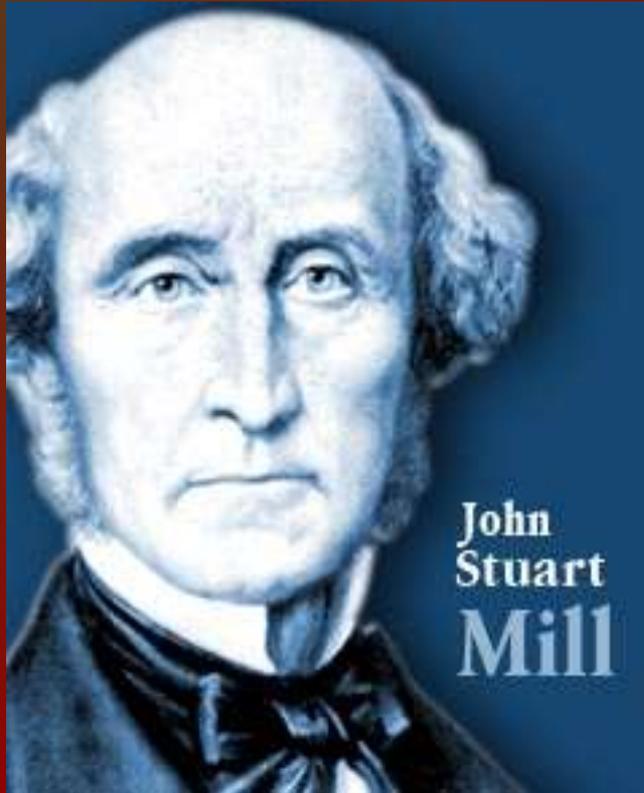
“Who was Jesus?”

- White guy with a beard.
 - Blond-headed dude.
 - Made up person.
 - Gandhi-like person.
- A guy with super powers.
 - A Jew.
 - A fisherman.

• “Who Was Jesus?”

- Not one recognized religious leader—such as Moses, Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed—ever claimed to be God. Jesus is the only person who has ever convinced a great portion of the world that He is God. This claim can either be true or false. If false, Jesus either knew His claims were false and He lied, or He was deluded and a lunatic.

- “If Jesus knowingly lied, he was the world’s greatest hypocrite and a charlatan of the worse kind. He would also be the greatest fool, for what person would die for a lie?”
- “If Jesus was deluded, how could His teachings help so many people for such a long time? His critics and enemies had nothing evil to say about his character.”



- The philosopher John Stuart Mill called him a “*preeminent genius*” and “*probably the greatest moral reformer and martyr who ever existed on earth, the ideal representative and guide of humanity.*”
- There is no other choice. Either Jesus is a liar, a lunatic, or He is Lord.

- Daniel Webster wrote the following to Rev. T. Worcester:
- “I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God. The miracles which he wrought establish, in my mind, his personal authority, and render it proper for me to believe whatever he asserts. I believe, therefore, all his declarations, as well when he declares himself to be the Son of God, as when he declares any other proposition. And I believe that there is no other way of salvation than through the merits of his atonement.”

John 3: 16 –

*"For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten
Son, that whoever believes in
Him shall not perish, but have
eternal life.*

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***“Those who accept
my Son will be
CHOSEN ones.”***

WE WERE CHOSEN IN CHRIST BEFORE THE WORLD

- *Vs 11 - In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.*
- *Ephesians 1:4 - For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.*



- Romans 1:18-23 - *18 But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who push the truth away from themselves. 19 For the truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts. 20 From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.*

- *21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. The result was that their minds became dark and confused. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became utter fools instead. 23 And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people, or birds and animals and snakes. NLT*









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- Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God....” *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” God was there at the beginning... He was before the beginning... before the beginning was God.*
- John 1:1-3 - *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.”*

Psalms 90:2 - *2 Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. NASU*

Psalms 102:24-27 - ***24 I say, "O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days, Your years are throughout all generations. 25 "Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 26 "Even they will perish, but You endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed. 27 "But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end. NASU***

- Isaiah 55:8-9 - **8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. 9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. TNIV**
- Revelation 1:8 - **"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." NASU**

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WE WERE CHOSEN IN CHRIST FOR A PURPOSE

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- *“Contrary to what many popular books, movies, and seminars tell you, you won’t discover your life’s meaning by looking within yourself. You didn’t create yourself, so there is no way you can tell yourself what you were created for!”*

- “Dr. Hugh Moorehead, a philosophy professor at Northeastern IL University once wrote to 250 of the best known philosophers, scientists, writers, and intellectuals in the world, asking them, ‘What is the meaning of life?’ He then published their responses in a book. Some offered their best guesses, some admitted that they just made up a purpose for life, and others were honest enough to say they were clueless.”

- Colossians 1:15-16 The Message Bible reads:
“For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.”

- Colossians 3:1-4 - *“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”*

I Corinthians 10:31- “So
*whether you eat or drink or
whatever you do, do it all for
the glory of God.”*

John 10:10 - *“I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”*