

the CHOSEN ONE - the ELECT

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"Behold My Servant, whom I uphold; **My Chosen-one (Elect)**, in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him. He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed He shall not break, and the smoking flax He shall not quench; He shall bring forth judgment with truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He has set judgment in the earth; and the coastlands (Gentile Nations) shall wait for His law. Thus says God the LORD, He who created the heavens, and stretched them out; He who spread forth the earth, and that which comes out of it; He who gives breath to the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein, "I the LORD have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand, and will keep You, and give You for a Covenant of the People, for a Light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and those who sit in darkness out of the prison house."" (Isaiah 42:1-7)

Elect: from the Hebrew word ***bachir*** which means: "Chosen, or Chosen One, or Elect" - and derives from the verb ***bachar*** which means to choose, or to select.

In (Isaiah 42:1) when God calls His servant My Chosen-One, He is specifically referring to the promised Messiah, Jesus, - the one given as a Covenant of the People, and as a Light to the Gentiles, and as the Savior of the world.

Consider these verses:

"Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against Him, how they might destroy Him. But when Jesus knew of it, He withdrew Himself from there; and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all; and charged them that they should not make Him known; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "**Behold My Servant, whom I have chosen; My Beloved, in whom My soul is well pleased.** I will put My spirit upon Him, and He shall show judgment (or justice) to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall He not break, and smoking flax shall He not quench, till He sends forth judgment (or justice) unto victory. And in His name shall the Gentiles trust."" (Matthew 12:14-21)

Consider also this

"And when they had come to the place, which is called Calvary (the Skull), there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And casting lots, they parted His clothing. And the people stood watching. And the rulers also with them derided Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, **if He is Christ, the Chosen of God.**" And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar; and said, If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." And a superscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS." (Luke 23:33-38)

The religious rulers knew that Jesus saved many other people by means of numerous miracles; and they knew that their promised Messiah, the Christ, was God's Chosen One. But they refused to accept the obvious connection! Instead they delivered the Father's Chosen Messiah into the hands of the pagan Rulers to be crucified.

And on the cross Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And after six hours of hanging on the cross Jesus said with a loud voice, "My God, My God why have you forsaken Me?" And then Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." And then Jesus died, "Yielding up His spirit!"

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"And Jesus cried out, **"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"** ..., and Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice saying, **"Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit,"** He yielded up His spirit. And, behold, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks were split;" (Matthew 27:46, 50-51; Psalm 22:1, Luke 24:46)

There is only one thing that caused the the Father to briefly forsake His association with His Son Jesus: Sin - **'Our Sin'**, which Jesus took upon Himself on the Cross! Consider these verses:

"For He (the Father) **has made Him** (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

"...and **He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the cross**, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

"So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many; and unto those who look forward to Him, He shall appear the second time without sin, for salvation." (Hebrews 9:28)

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation; namely, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and has committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you through us. We pray for you in Christ's behalf, be you reconciled to God. **For He** (the Father) **has made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin**; that **we** might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

JESUS IS...

the Elect of God,
the Chosen One of God,
the promised Messiah,
the Christ...

...who never ever sinned,
and yet was Chosen, and made to be sin for us by the Father;
so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus!

Behold, we are new creatures, new creations, in Christ Jesus!
Jesus Christ is our Life!

Lord Jesus, from the depths of my heart.
I thank you for taking all of my sin upon yourself.

Father in heaven I thank you for choosing Your beloved Son to be my Savior.

Thank You Father! - Thank You Jesus!
Amen!