CHOSEN BY GOD

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I don't believe that any of us are here today by accident. I believe in the sovereignty of God. I believe that I was born in the plan of God. I believe that God knew who I was before my parents ever knew who I was.

Jer 1:4-5 Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

I believe that there is a reason and purpose for my life and the life of everyone else as well.

2 Thess 2:13-14 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are the beloved of the Lord. We have been chosen for salvation through sanctification of the Spirit.

We might not be loved by our families, we might be rejected by our peers, but there is a God in Heaven, who loves every one of us and He has chosen us for Himself!

We must not allow the world, the devil, family or friends or anyone else to cause us to forget that we are chosen by God. If we don't know that we have been chosen by God, then we leave ourselves open to the temptation of self-rejection and that temptation undermines the feelings that God wants us to have toward Him as well as toward ourselves.