

TREASURED BY GOD

Bible Study • Leader Guide

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Opening Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You that we are Your chosen people through our Baptism and Your treasured possession. Thank You for choosing us, sanctifying us, and redeeming us to be Your own. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

What do you think of when you think of a treasure? Do you think of jewelry made of gold or silver? God's Word tells us that we are His treasured possession.

"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth (Deuteronomy 7:6).

"They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him (Malachi 3:17).

We are confident through our Baptism that God loves us, He has chosen us, and He treasures us as His beloved children.

How does God see you as His treasure in the following verses?

Deuteronomy 7:6

The Lord has chosen us to be a people of His treasured possession.

Isaiah 43:4

We are precious in God's eyes and He loves us.

1 Peter 2:9

God sees us as His chosen race, His royal priesthood, His holy nation, and His chosen possession.

What does God want us to do as His beloved children in the following verses?

Exodus 19:5

God wants us to obey His Word and to keep His covenant.

Ephesians 4:24

God wants us to put on our new self, created in the likeness of Him.

Colossians 3:12

God wants us to put on compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

As God's beloved and treasured children, we are to try to keep His commandments, put on compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, which are the fruit of the Spirit. We are also to put off our old self and put on the new self that was created after the likeness of Jesus.

A crown is a circular ornamental headdress worn by a king as a symbol of authority, usually made of or decorated with precious metals and jewels.

What do the following verses say about crowns and those of us who believe in Jesus?

Proverbs 16:31

Our gray hair is a crown of glory.

Isaiah 62:3

We are a crown of beauty and a royal diadem.

We are so blessed to be children of God that we are a crown of beauty in the hand of our Lord and a royal diadem. All the beautiful gray hair some of us have is a crown of glory through Jesus' righteousness. As the Lord blessed King David, He blesses us with a crown of fine gold upon our heads.

What do the following verses say about God and our benefits of being treasured by God?

Psalms 36:7

How precious is God's steadfast love toward us, and we take refuge in the shadow of His wings.

Zephaniah 3:17

He is always in our midst, He rejoices over us with gladness, He quiets us with His love, and He exults over us with loud singing.

John 3:16

God loved us so much that He sent His one and only Son, and we believe in Jesus and have eternal life.

1 John 4:9–10

God loved us so much that He sent His only Son to live among us in this world, and we live through Him. God sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He sent His one and only Son for us that we might live through Him. He takes great delight in us so He will no longer condemn us, but He will rejoice over us with singing. We take refuge in the shadow of His wings.

Read Psalm 103:2–5.

What benefits do we have because we are treasured by God in the above verses?

God forgives all our sins and heals us of all our diseases. He has redeemed our lives from the pit and crowns us with His steadfast love and mercy. He satisfies us with good so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

What a blessing God forgives our iniquity, heals all our diseases, redeems our life from the pit, crowns us with steadfast love and mercy, and satisfies us with good, so our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

What do we receive as God's treasured children in the following verses?

Deuteronomy 31:8

God goes before us and will not leave us nor forsake us.

Psalms 32:8

God will instruct us and teach us in the way we should go, and He will counsel us with His eye upon us.

Isaiah 26:3

God keeps us in perfect peace when we fix our minds on Him because we trust in Him.

Isaiah 43:1

God has redeemed us, calls each of us by name, and we are His.

Isaiah 54:10

No matter what happens in this life God's steadfast love will never depart from us, and His covenant of peace will not be removed.

What has Jesus done for us as God's treasured children in the following verses?

John 8:34–36

Jesus has set us free from sin, and we are free indeed.

John 14:27

Jesus gives us His peace.

Galatians 4:5

We have been redeemed by Christ, and we are no longer under the law but have received adoption as sons through our Baptism.

Philippians 4:19

God will supply our every need according to His riches in Christ Jesus.

We have been redeemed by Jesus and have been adopted as His sons and daughters. He keeps us in perfect peace, never leaving us nor forsaking us. He instructs and teaches us in the way we should go and counsels us with His eye upon us. His steadfast love will not depart from us nor will His covenant of peace. He sets us free by His holy, precious blood and provides for all our needs. What a blessing to be Jesus' treasure!

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for our gift of Baptism and the blessings You so freely give to us as Your dear children. Thank You that we are Your treasured possession and You love us with an everlasting love. We pray all these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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