



- God most often chooses to pour out the grace of salvation through **PASSIONATE** people.
- Passion to see sinners saved ought to be just as important to us as it is to our God who saves us (John 3:16, 1 Cor. 9:19-27, Rom. 9:1-3).

-- *"You did not choose me..."*

- Our salvation is only possible because God chose to send His Son. (1 John 4:9-10,19; Eph. 2:8-9).
- No one is saved by his own initiative or on his own **TERMS**

-- *"...but I chose you and appointed you..."*

- Our pardon in Christ comes with a **PURPOSE** from Christ.
- We don't choose the parameters or purpose of our union with Christ. He does (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
- God saves us so that we will serve Him.

-- *"...that you should go and bear fruit..."*

- "...go..." - Bearing fruit for Christ requires getting outside of ourselves and going forth in His name.
- A life lived by the Spirit ought to **GROW** in good deeds (John 15:5, Ephesians 2:10).

-- *"...and that your fruit should abide..."*

- God has saved us and appointed us to work for outcomes that will matter in **ETERNITY**
- The most obvious "fruit that will abide" is sinners saved (2 Cor. 5:20).

-- As long as we remain on earth, God has appointed us to strive for what matters in heaven.

-- *"... so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you..."*

-- When we sincerely strive for what matters in God's kingdom, God will answer our prayers aimed at that purpose (John 14:13-14).

-- God has given us a purpose on earth so that He will be glorified by **EMPOWERING** us to fulfill it.

Putting the Pieces Together:

- 1.) Our pardon in Christ comes with a purpose from Christ.
- 2.) Our purpose from Christ is to produce eternal fruit.
- 3.) The most significant eternal fruit for which we ought strive is sinners redeemed in Christ.
- 4.) God is promises to empower us to fulfill His mission if we will humbly ask Him.
- 5.) Conclusion: **PRAY** for the salvation of lost people!
 - There may be no more foolish sin of omission than failing to pray for the salvation of others.

Putting Feet to Faith: Choose 2

- **Step One:** **CHOOSE** two friends, family members, neighbors, or co-workers who do not have saving faith in Christ.
- **Step Two:** Commit to **PRAY** for their salvation twice a day.
 - **Receptivity to the Gospel** (Acts 26:17-18).
 - **Exposure to the Gospel** (Col. 4:2-3, Eph. 6:18-20)
 - **Acceptance of Jesus Christ** (John 20:31, Romans 10:1)
 - **Commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church** (2 Cor. 5:15)
 - **Honoring Jesus Christ in Everything** (Colossians 1:9-12)

-- **Step Three:** **INVITE** your Choose2 family and friends to at least two events at your church this year.

Response

-- Q: *What do we think God could do with a Baptist congregation in Carmi that is passionate about the salvation of the lost?*

-- A: A: Let's Choose2 together and watch what our God can do.