**CHOSEN and Dearly LOVED ~ Colossians 3:12-144**

**🡺Scripture Reading-** Colos. 3:12-17

 **INTRODUCTION**

The idea of a person wanting to be Saved but being unable to, because they are not one of the elect, is absolutely foreign to the Bible.  gotquestions.org

**Two Clear TRUTHS we Know...**

* **Everyone who CALLS on or Believes in Jesus Will HAVE Eternal Life**

 John 3:15 (NLT) ...EVERYONE who Believes in Him will HAVE Eternal Life.

 Joel 2:32 (NIV) And EVERYONE who CALLS on the Name of the Lord will BE saved...

* **HE CHOSE us IN Christ BEFORE Creation**

Ephesians 1:4 (NIV) For He CHOSE us IN Him BEFORE the creation of the world to be holy and blameless IN His sight.

 **Your ARE God’s CHOSEN People ~ Colossians 3.12-14**

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14**And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

To live above with the saints we love -

 Oh, that will be glory.

But to live below with the saints we know, -

 Well, that's another story. Unknown

 **IMPLICATIONS**

12...as God's **Chosen** people, **Holy** and dearly **Loved**, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

**Colossians 3:1-3** (NIV) Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

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**13** Bear with each other and FORGIVE whatever grievances you may have against one another. FORGIVE as the Lord forgave you.

**🡺Forgiveness is giving up my Right to Hurt you or get even with you for hurting me?**

 **Forgiveness does NOT excuse their behavior. Forgiveness prevents their behavior**

 **from destroying you.** Anonymous

 **TAKE AWAY ??**

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**2 Peter 1:3** (NIV) His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness Through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.