



Who You Say I Am *Day 5: Bridge 1*

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am

Scripture Reference

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

– *Romans 8: 31–34*



We'll wrap up our week focusing on what it means in our lives to be a child of God. But first, let's reconsider a key principle of the week. We are chosen by God. He has made us His children. He chose you.

What does it mean to you to be a chosen child of God? Start today reading Ephesians 1 & 2. These two chapters are filled with the promises of being a chosen child of God and can encourage each of us: whether we're struggling to fully understand our adoption or even if we're firm in our foundation of adoption into His family.

What's more, our scripture today tells us that God is for us. If He is for you, He certainly will not forsake you. Our scripture even more specifically tells us Christ Jesus is interceding for us. Shortly before our passage, Romans 8:27 tells us the Holy Spirit intercedes for us as well. God is for you, and Jesus and the Holy Spirit intercede on your behalf. Let the depth of that settle in for a few minutes.

In what ways in your life can you see God being for you and not forsaking you? Try to recall specific examples or circumstances in your life. In what ways can you see Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit interceding on your behalf? What does the power of all three working in your life mean to you?



Another benefit of being God's chosen people: If God is for us, who can be against us? Even though we face challenges and enemies in this world, we can know that Jesus has already overcome all those things on the cross. He defeated it all through His resurrection. God will justify each of us one day. Take comfort in knowing your Heavenly Father and your Savior have already defeated every challenge and enemy you face. Our Heavenly Father is tackling every challenge on your behalf. Nothing is too great for Him to handle.

What challenges or enemies are you facing today that feel unconquerable? In what ways are you maybe seeing Jesus smaller than He truly is? Submit your challenges and enemies to Jesus today. Ask Him to show you His victory. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you trust your Father in the waiting.

As a child of God, He graciously gives us all things. He is the source of all blessings in our lives. We have not earned those things, yet, He has graciously given them to us anyways. As we started the week, we said a principle of the entire week would be God's love and grace for us. Through His love and grace, we are made His children. We can rest and trust in being exactly who He says we are – His precious and loved child.

End today in prayer with your Heavenly Father. Thank Him for choosing you to be His child. Thank Him for helping you to grow and embrace your adoption in Him. Ask Him to help you to continue to grow in your understanding of the depths of His love. Praise Him for His love and His grace.
