



God's Treasured Possessions

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Deuteronomy 26:18

“And the Lord has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commandments.” NIV

Key Truth: God chose the people of Israel as His treasured possession and continued to love and cherish them throughout the Old Testament.

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” NIV

Key Truth: When God sent Jesus to die for our sins, we who believe in Christ as our Savior received God's unmerited favor. The “unmerited favor” that comes to us as sinful people through the saving work of Jesus Christ is eternal life, a heavenly life after our life here on earth. We call this “unmerited favor” God's grace.

John 1:14

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” NIV

John 1:17

“For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” NIV

Key Truth: God made his grace known to us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:22-24

²² “ This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” NIV

Titus 2:11

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.” NIV

Key Truth: God's grace is available to ALL who have faith in Jesus Christ; ALL of us, not just the Israelites of the Old Testament, become God's treasured possessions.

Key Question: Are you one of God's treasured possessions?