

**CALLED TO BE LOVED**  
**#SermonLoved**  
**Live Your Calling - Part 2**  
**What On Earth Am I Here For?**  
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**Ephesians 1:4-5** Long ago, even before he made the world, **God loved us and chose us** in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. **His unchanging plan** has always been **to adopt us into his own family** by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him **great pleasure**. (NLT)

- My number one purpose is to be **LOVED BY GOD**

**Psalms 138:8a** The LORD will fulfill his **purpose** for me; your steadfast **love**, O LORD, endures forever. (ESV)

- My number one calling is to have a **RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

**Romans 1:7a** Dear friends in Rome, God loves you dearly, and he has **called you to be his very own people**. (NLT)

- My number one identity is to be a **CHILD OF GOD**

**1 John 3:1a** What an incredible quality of love the Father has shown to us, that we should be **named** and **called** and **counted the children of God!** And so we are! (AMP)

**Ephesians 3:16-19a** I pray that... <sup>17</sup> Your roots will **grow down into God's love** and keep you strong. <sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how **wide**, how **long**, how **high**, and how **deep** his **love** is. <sup>19</sup> May you **experience the love of Christ**, though it is too great to understand fully... (NLT)

- God's love is wide enough to be **EVERYWHERE**
- God's love is long enough to **LAST FOREVER**
- God's love is high enough to **OVERLOOK MY SINS**
- God's love is deep enough to **HANDLE ANYTHING**

**Jude 1:1** This letter is from Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. I am writing to all who are **called to live in the love of God** the Father and in the care of Jesus Christ. (NLT)

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I LIVE IN GOD'S LOVE?**

**1. I FEEL ACCEPTED INSTEAD OF ASHAMED**

**Romans 5:1a** By faith we have been made **acceptable to God**... (CEV)

**Romans 8:33-34a** If God says his chosen ones are acceptable to him, can anyone bring charges against them? Or can anyone condemn them? No indeed! (CEV)

## **2. I BOLDLY SHARE MY NEEDS WITH GOD**

**Romans 8:14-15** All who are led by the Spirit of God are **children of God!** <sup>15</sup> So, you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family—calling him 'Father, dear Father. (NLT)

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us come boldly to the very throne of God... to find grace to help us in our times of need. (LB)

## **3. I HAVE PEACE INSTEAD OF WORRY**

**Philippians 4:6-7** Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. <sup>7</sup> Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel. (CEV)

**2 Corinthians 13:11c** ...Now I pray that God, who gives love and peace, will be with you. (CEV)

## **4. INSTEAD OF FEARING GOD I LOVE HIM**

**1 John 4:18-19** We need have no fear of someone who loves us perfectly; his perfect love for us eliminates all dread of what he might do to us. If we are afraid, it... shows that we are not fully convinced that he really loves us. <sup>19</sup> So you see, our love for him comes as a result of his loving us first. (LB)

\* **Romans 6:13b** ...Give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life... (NLT)

**John 1:12b** ...to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. (NLT)