

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Inclusive God March 22, 2022 Suzi Armstrong

Father God is the originator of inclusivity. From the beginning He included mankind. In the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve were included; they were participants with God in the Garden. The same is true today. The Bible says that we can be partakers of His divine nature and partner with Him. We are to be history makers with God. These are historical times that we are living in. We were selected to be included in this time.

Every time the devil worked some dirty deed to disqualify us, our Father had a redemptive plan that included us. YOU WERE CHOSEN BY GOD! He formed you in your mother's womb; chose the time you would be born in the earth; gave you gifts and called you to be with Him.

Inclusivity is part of the Good News of the Gospel message. Jesus died to include us in the family of God. We are sons and daughters of the Most High God when we are born again.

### Ephesians 1.1 TPT

<sup>1</sup> Dear friends, My name is Paul, and **I was chosen by God** to be an apostle of Jesus, the Messiah.

- Dear friends, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I was chosen by God to be a mom, a dad, an artist, a teacher, a pipe fitter, a truck driver.
- I was included in this time to make an impact – to bring in God's kingdom, to reflect His glory, to raise the dead, heal the sick, speak words of life, set the captives free, celebrate the goodness of God in the land of the living.
- **Genesis 18.19** (NIV) God says why He included Abraham – For **I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord** by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.
- **Psalm 105.26** (NIV) says, **He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen.**

### Ephesians 1.4-5 NIV

<sup>4</sup> **For He chose us in Him** before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love <sup>5</sup> He predestined us to be **adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ**, in accordance with His pleasure and will.

- It gives God pleasure to include us in His business.
- God did not choose us to be on the outside looking in – we are insiders, we have been included.
- One of the devil's biggest lies is to tell us that we are not included, we are not wanted, we do not have what it takes, we ruined it, it's too late, nobody wants us to be part. Those are nothing but a bunch of lies. The devil is a liar – don't believe anything he says. Don't believe any name or accusation that he brings against you. The devil is jealous because he is not included in what we get to be part of.

### **Ephesians 1.13** NIV

<sup>13</sup> And **you were also included** in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

- Included, marked and sealed.
- This is not wishy-washy inclusivity that is dependent upon some political persuasion.
- We have been brought into and included in the heart of our Father. We are the apple of His eye.
- Nothing can separate us from His love or His inclusivity.

### **Isaiah 49.1** ESV

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. **The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.**

### **Ephesians 2.10** NIV

<sup>10</sup> For we are **God's workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

### **1 Peter 2.9** TPT

<sup>9</sup> But **you are God's chosen treasure**—priests who are kings, **a spiritual "nation" set apart** as God's devoted ones. **He called you out of darkness to experience his marvelous light, and now he claims you as his very own. He did this so that you would broadcast his glorious wonders throughout the world.**

### **Psalms 94.14** TPT

<sup>14</sup> For **the Lord will never walk away** from his cherished ones, nor would he forsake his *chosen* ones who belong to him.

### **Romans 8.14-16** NASB

<sup>14</sup> For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these **are sons and daughters of God.** <sup>15</sup> For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but **you have received a spirit of adoption as sons and daughters** by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> **The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.**

### **John 15.19** NIV

<sup>19</sup> If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, **you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.** That is why the world hates you.

- We were chosen and included to stand in the gap, to pray, to declare God's heart and His purposes.

### **PRAYER and DECLARATION:**

Just like God chose people He also chose nations and He chose cities. God chose Detroit and He has blessed Detroit, watched over the city of Detroit, called Detroit by name and set Detroit in history. God's eye is on this city and on this state and this nation.

We declare the glory of the Lord over this city and land. We declare that where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. We speak hope to the city. We speak justice and righteousness over this city. For the Lord loves justice and hates robbery and iniquity. We declare that God's kingdom come into every aspect of Detroit, that darkness be pierced with the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that God arise and His enemies be scattered. This is a day of deliverance for Detroit, a time to be set free from the structures of death that hold this city captive. The plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations. **Blessed is the city whose God is the Lord, the city who God has chosen and included.**