



We Are TAKEN!

**LEARNING TO ABIDE IN CHRIST**

# Prayer For Revelation Of God

I Pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in a full knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the HOPE to which he has called you, what are the RICHES OF THE GLORY of the inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his POWER toward us who believe - Eph.1:17-19

# How Do We Abide?



1. We must saturate our minds with God's word.
2. From God's word will flow the understanding of our Hope for a future, the richness of Love and supply for today and the greatness of His power for us.
3. We respond with the total Surrender of our being, resting in Him, no matter what comes our way.
4. We learn to become sensitive to the gentle promptings of the Spirit when begin responding to life in the flesh, instead of abiding in the Spirit.

# Walking As The Beloved Of God

- ▶ Principles of Being the Beloved of God
- 1. We are Deeply, Deeply LOVED by God
- 2. We are Taken! We belong to God!
- 3. We are Blessed by God!
- 4. We are Broken and we live in a Broken world!
- 5. We are Given!

# As The Beloved Of God, We Are Taken

- ▶ How many remember using that phrase in the 70's and 80's? What did it mean?
- ▶ I have given my heart to another, and they have given their heart to me! I have been chosen by another to be special to them and they are special to me.
- ▶ As the Beloved of God, we have been chosen by God and He has pursued a relationship with me from before time began.

# God Has Pursued a Relationship With Us

- ▶ Adam chose to step out of relationship with God. God has been pursuing us ever since.
- ▶ Gen.3:15 – A Savior would come to undo what Satan had done through Adam – Rom.5:12,15
- ▶ Isa.7:14; 9:1-7; 52:13-53:12
- ▶ Micah 5:2 – The new Messiah was to come from Bethlehem

# God Has Pursued a Relationship With Us

- ▶ While we were opposed to God, Christ died for us- Rom.5:6,8,10 – God pursues us!
- ▶ 1 Peter.2:4- While rejected by the world, we are precious to God
- ▶ 1Pet.2:9,10 – We are chosen and given relationship, significance and purpose in this life
- ▶ I am my Beloved's and He is mine!

# Why Is This Important?

1. In a world that seeks to tear us down, God is for us! Who can be against us? Rom.8:28-39
2. He promises to be with us always. Matt.28:20
3. The only one hindering this relationship is you. He tells you how to press in to Him
  - ▶ Maintain the unity of the Spirit – Eph.4:3
  - ▶ Put off the old self, put on the new – 4:22-24
  - ▶ Imitate God, love people – 5:1