

QUESTIONS:

“Why Do You Submit To Its Rules?” (Part 5)

Colossians 3:12

“as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with.....”

I. IDENTITY FOR INCENTIVE: So who are we?

1. WE ARE CHOSEN BY GOD

"as God's chosen people"

Many passages speak of us being chosen or elected by God
John 15:16; Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13;
Matthew 24:31; Revelation 17:1

We are God’s chosen people called out of a sinful world.

2. WE ARE SET APART BY AND FOR GOD

Two ideas are involved around this word, Holy:

- 1) To be subjectively holy.
To live pure and morally blameless.
2 Corinthians 7:1

- 2) Consecrated to God.
We are separated by God and for God's purpose.
Romans 12:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:20-21

3. WE ARE LOVED BY GOD

Assurance of God's love is given in the cross
Romans 5:8

IDENTITY PRECEDES CONDUCT

Who we understand ourselves to be determines our conduct.

CONDUCT REVEALS IDENTITY

When we sin, we show that we think of ourselves as a sinner.
When we live holy, we show that we think of ourselves as God's holy child.

Make these declarations:
I am God's chosen person
I am separated for God's purposes
I am loved by God.
I will live like it.