

# God's Plan is to Make Each Believer Like the One VIP!

## Ephesians 1:4

In this verse we have the redemptive plan of God for the entire human race.

“IN HIM”

Many different words can be used for our Salvation – words like:

- Redemption
- Atonement
- Justification
- Reconciliation
- Propitiation
- The vicarious substitutionary sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ

However, the two simple words “IN HIM” cannot be beat. We as believers are irrevocably joined to Jesus Christ by means of the dry baptism of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12: 12, 13). We are placed into the body of believers. We are told *“He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.”* (I Corinthians 6:17) – We belong to Him, as there is nothing as wonderful as that. In Romans 8:1, *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.”* That cannot be improved.

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Look at the two words: **IN CHRIST** – We see:

No article – “ἐν χριστῷ” all blessings in life are related to Him. He is the source of the action. “He has chosen us in Him” AMI 3<sup>rd</sup> s. exzelexzato – ἐξελέξατο εκ = out  
lego-λεγω = to pick – to pick out – elect

“to be” einai – εἶναι Inf. of purpose that we should be and keep on being “HOLY”

“Unblemished” (Removal of defects and Sainthood). The purpose of God's Grace is to make us like our Lord. “*He has chosen us for himself*” which means that God is the source of the action. “*Before the beginning of the world*”

Our Lord said in the upper room – “*Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.*”

Dr. G. C. Morgan said:

“That puts the responsibility on Him, If He did the choosing then He's responsible.”

“*That we keep on being* – Inf. of purpose – *HOLY...*” – *hagios* ἅγιος and *a-mo-mous* ἀμώμους Defects – NO!

*We are chosen (elected) to be a VIP!!*