

SOUL FOOD TO GO

The Chosen Ones

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“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain...” John 15:16. Although I’d read this scripture before and understood it, it didn’t really hit home with me until recently. I grew up in church, reading and studying the Bible, but for some reason, while reading it the last time, it stirred my spirit. Several things came to mind as this scripture illustrated its meaning to me. I thought of all the things I’d ever done wrong, and all the things I’d ever said that I knew was not Christian behavior, but did them anyway. I thought about times in my life when I wasn’t even trying to do the right thing, but God took care of me and protected me anyway. Whether I was living right or wrong, I was still a Child of God. He knew all the things that I was going to say and do, but yet, HE CHOSE ME! So that means that while we’re thinking that we’ve made a life-altering decision to submit our lives to God, some of us didn’t take into consideration that we were already His! We did not choose Him. The first chapter of Ephesians informs us that God has chosen us before the foundation of the world. That tells me that I was His before the beginning. There’s no greater feeling than knowing that you’re personally chosen by an omnipotent, omnipresent God who loves you unconditionally. Now that we’re chosen, it’s our responsibility to daily nurture our spirit with His Word and gain a deeper understanding of our relationship with Him. We have to be mindful of whose we are and where we truly stand with Him to reap all the benefits that are available to us as the Chosen Children of God.