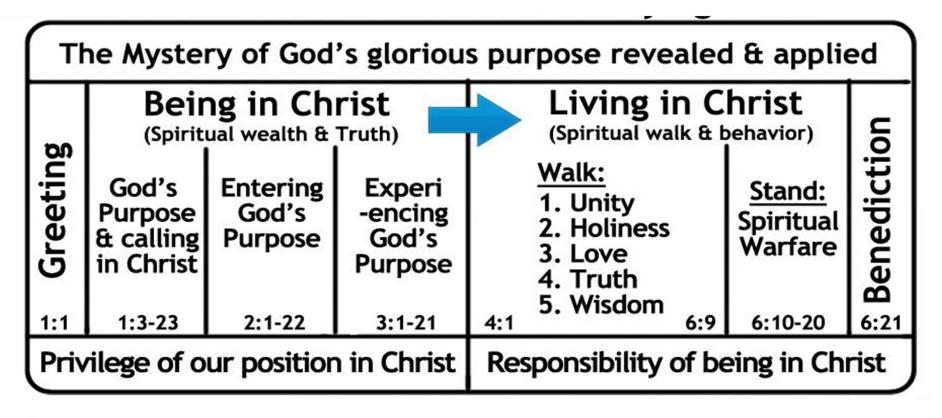


Session 2
Our Position in Christ – SIT
(Ephesians 1 – 3)



Review:

**EPHESIANS** – A Community with God's DNA to a lost and dying world





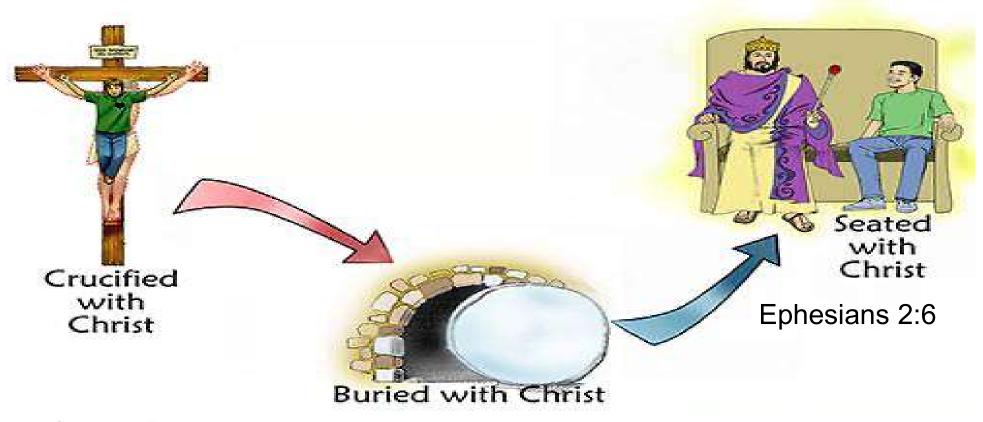
## 3 postures of the believer:





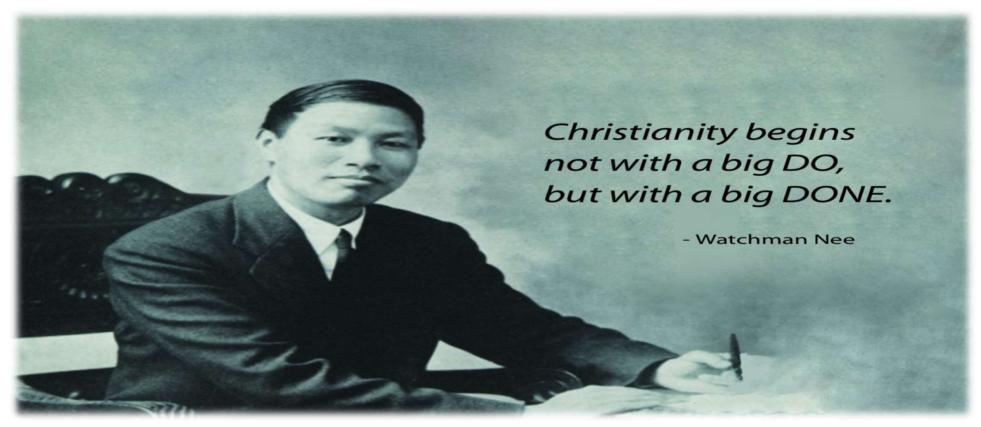


#### **Session 2 – Our Position in Christ**





#### 1. DNA of a Christian:





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1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 

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Blessing

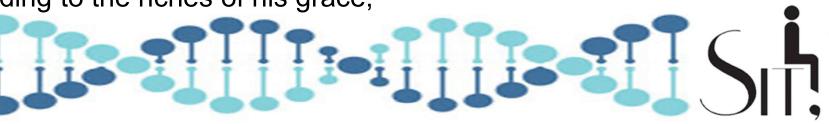
<sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

Chosen & redestined

<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,





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<sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.



#### No Volunteers in the Kingdom of God Exodus 3:1-15

"Hey Moses! I'm thinking about freeing the people of Israel from their bondage in Egypt. Would you be interested in volunteering to be part of a Liberation team? -You won't have to say much. I'll do most of the work -- Changing staffs into serpents; the water into blood; you're just the front man; Aaron will be behind you. Well, what do you think?" What do you suppose would have been Moses response to that invitation?





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Or Moses' first meetings with the Elders of Israel: "So, how are you guys feeling about the treatment you're getting from Pharoah? Would you be interested in a 40-year trip? Most of you will have died by the time we get to the Promised Land. But the journey itself will be a time of discovery And opportunity for "I Am" to mould us into "God's Chosen people". What do you suppose their response to Moses would have been? Probably...-"Are you crazy?"





<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> 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 his glorious inheritance in the saints,



<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

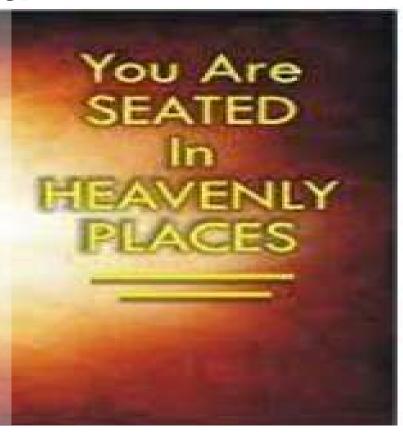
Position of Power





#### 6 implications:

- The Christian life begins with SIT, not WALK or STAND
- 2. To sit is a position of rest, not work
- 3. To sit is a position of resting from works based salvation
- 4. To sit is a position of full blessing
- To sit is a position of power for sanctification (WALK)
- 6. To sit is a position of power to engage in spiritual warfare (STAND)







<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

God Works NOT Us

status with God

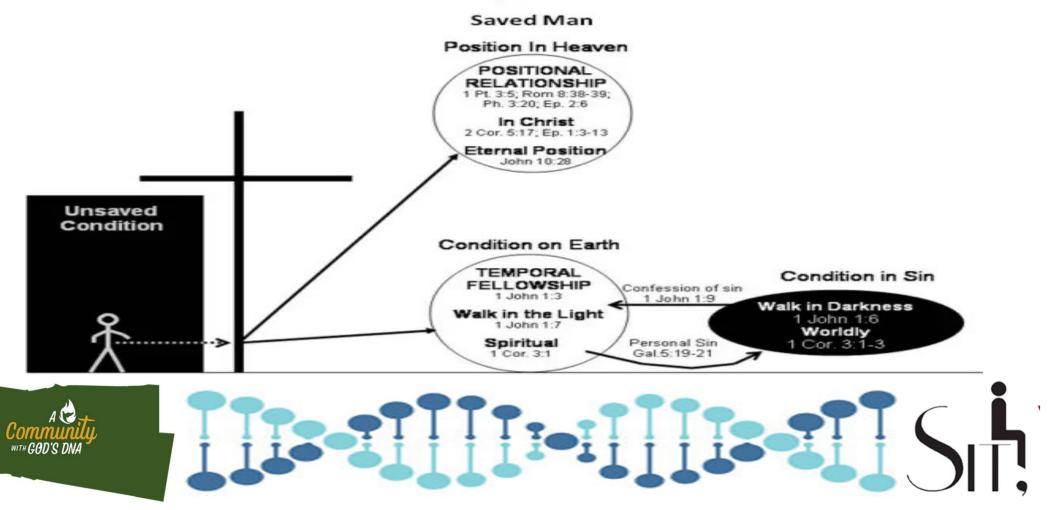


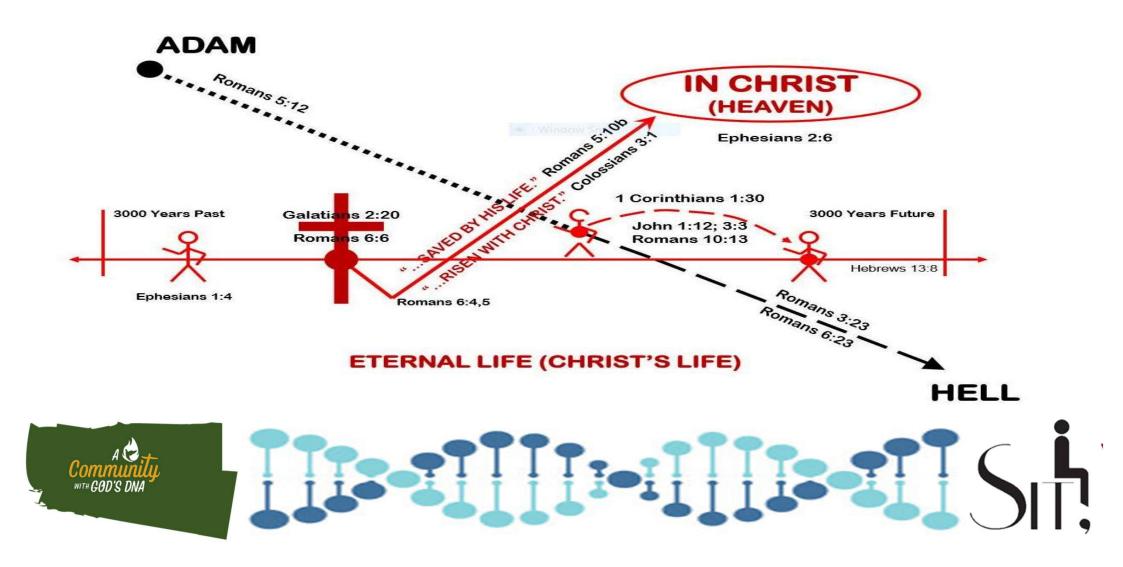


The Disputation of the Sacrament at the Vatican Museum (c1509) depicts heaven as a realm in the skies above earth. Shutterstock



#### Positional and Temporal Truth in Christ









#### INSIDE EACH OF US ARE TWO WOLVES

ONE IS EVIL

IT IS ANGER
ENVY SORROW
REGRET GREED
ARROGANCE
SELF PITY
GUILT
RESENTMENT
INFERIORITY
LIES
FALSE PRIDE
SUPERIORITY
AND EGO



ONE IS GOOD

IT IS JOY
PEACE LOVE
HOPE
SERENITY
HUMILITY
KINDNESS
BENEVOLENCE
EMPATHY
GENEROSITY
TRUTH
COMPASSION
AND FAITH

WHICH WOLF WINS? THE ONE YOU FEED MOST





#### 2. New Position is

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Our Union

An Exalted Place

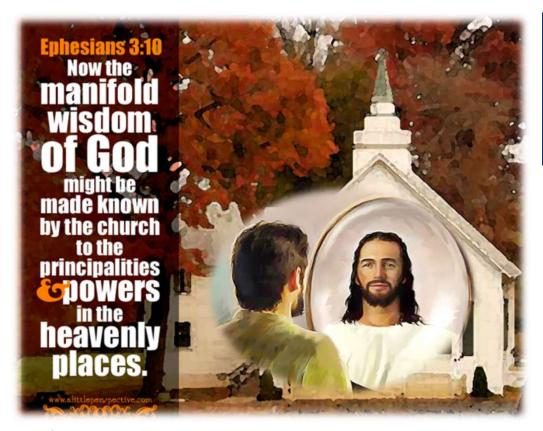
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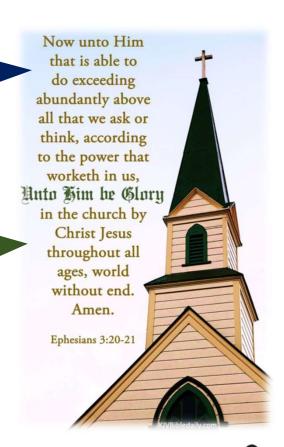
<sup>6</sup> This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.





God's supernatural power is at work in me.

My life displays the glory of God.







| No. | RELATIONSHIPS IN CHRIST   | SCRIPTURE       |
|-----|---|-----------------|
| 1.  | I have been raised to new life in Christ and seated with him in heavenly places | Ephesians 2:5-6 |
| 2.  | I have been saved by grace through faith in Christ.                             | Ephesians 2:8-9 |
| 3.  | I am God's workmanship - a masterpiece and a new creation - in Christ.          | Ephesians 2:10  |
| 4.  | I have been brought near to God by the blood of Christ.                         | Ephesians 2:13  |
| 5.  | I am reconciled to God through the cross of Jesus Christ.                       | Ephesians 2:16  |
| 6.  | I have access to God by the Holy Spirit.  | Ephesians 2:18  |
| 7.  | I am a part of God's family.  | Ephesians 2:19  |



| No. | Identity in Christ   | Scripture      |
|-----|--|----------------|
| 1.  | I am an heir of God.   | Ephesians 3:6  |
| 2.  | I am a member of the Body of Christ.   | Ephesians 3:6  |
| 3.  | I am a partaker in the promises of God in Christ.                                    | Ephesians 3:6  |
| 4.  | I am a mirror that displays the glory of God to the natural and supernatural worlds. | Ephesians 3:10 |
| 5.  | God's supernatural power is at work in me.   | Ephesians 3:20 |
| 6.  | My life displays the glory of God.   | Ephesians 3:21 |





Discuss on the barriers to unity and love in community, both within the church and in broader society. Discuss practical ways to overcome these barriers and foster a culture of unity and love based on Ephesians 2:11-22.



I'm leaving, because with such a privileged role comes responsibility. The responsibility to know when you are the right person to lead and also when you are not. I know what this job takes. And I know that I no longer have enough in the tank to do it justice. It's that simple.







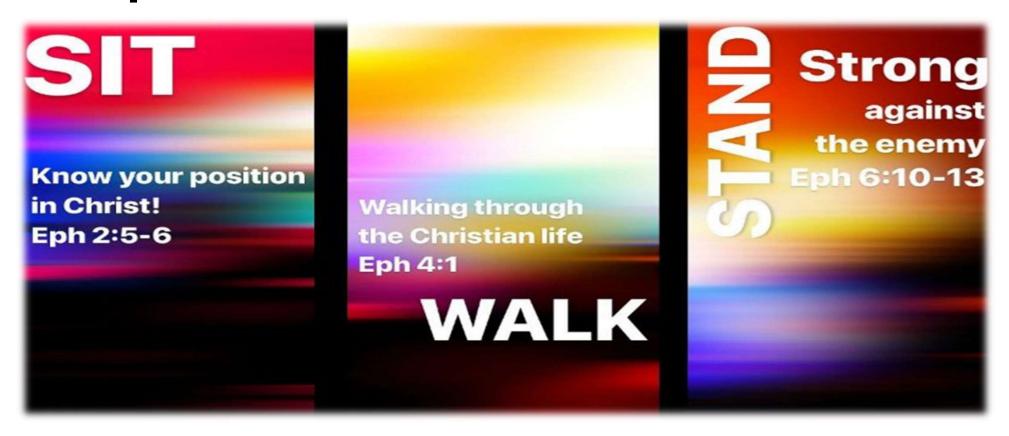
# Ten Commandments 1 - YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER "GODS" BEFORE ME 2 - YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF AN IDOL 3 - YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF GOD IN VAIN

- 4 REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY
- 5 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER
- 6 YOU SHALL NOT MURDER
- 7 YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY
- 8 YOU SHALL NOT STEAL
- 9 YOU SHALL NOT LIE
- 10 YOU SHALL NOT COVET

Exodus 20:3-17



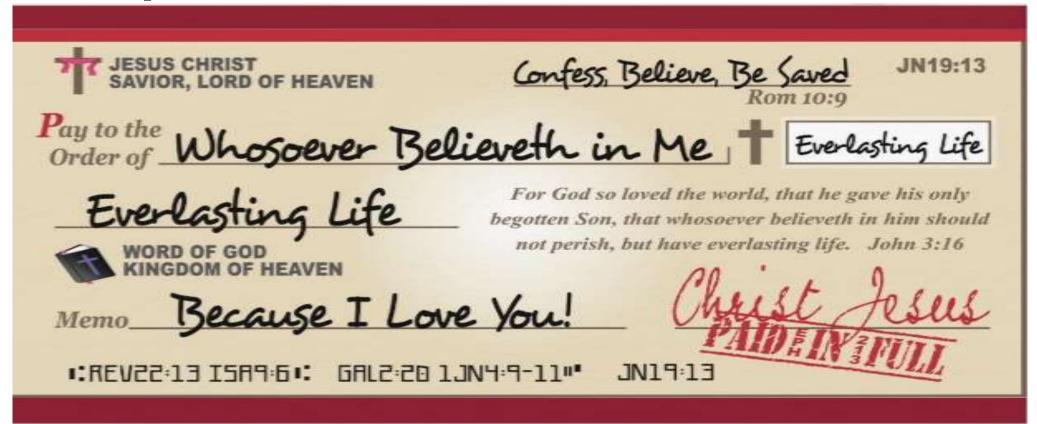




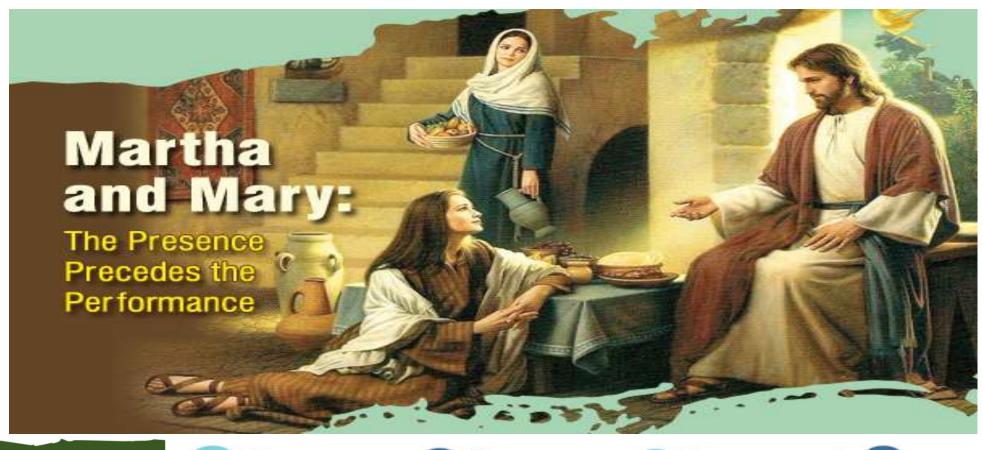


#### It is Finished - John 19:30 Tetelestai Earthly sufferings were Finished Power of satan was Finished Enemy of death was Finished Bibles prophecies were Finished Sacrifices for sin were Finished Sins grip, condemnation Finished Our Redemption Finished - paid in full His Obedience was Finished - perfectly





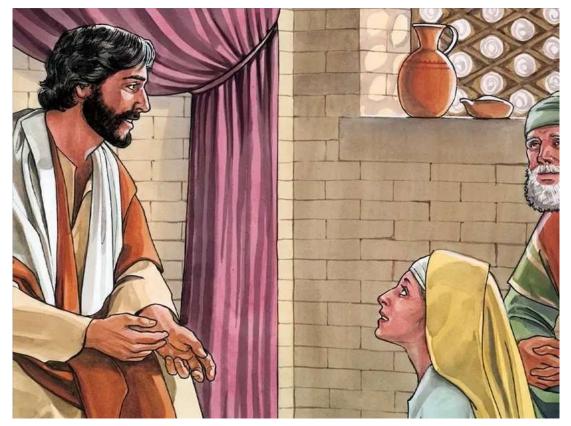






# 3 reasons for sitting at Jesus' feet:

- 1. It allows us to hear from God first.
- 2. It shows that we recognise who He is.
- 3. It shows a sense of trust.





But those who HOPE in the Lord will renew their STRENGTH.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will

RUN and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

- Isaiah 40:31



#### Everyone in scripture is called; No one volunteers.

Adam and Eve didn't volunteer to be created.

God created them and called them by name
To be fruitful and multiply and be stewards of the earth.

Noah and his family didn't volunteer to build the ark
And assemble the largest floating zoo of all time.

God called them to that mission.

Abraham and Sarah were called by name to go to a far-away land,
And be the parents of a multitude when they were old.

I know they didn't volunteer to raise kids at 90+.

Joseph didn't volunteer to be shipped in slavery to Egypt
And then gain the Pharoah's trust and food inventories;
God called him to that mission.



#### Everyone in scripture is called; No one volunteers.

Joshua didn't ask to be the successor of Moses
And to lead the people into the promised land.
Joshua was called by God through the voice of Moses
To lead the people to the promised land.
The disciples- Peter, James, John and Andrew
Didn't volunteer to be followers of Jesus- They were called:
"Come follow me, I will make you fishers of men."
The Apostle Paul thought he was doing God's will
When he volunteered to persecute the new cult of Christians.
But then God blinded him and knocked him off
his donkey (and the path he was on)and

Called him to proclaim the Gospel in all the world.



#### Everyone in scripture is called; No one volunteers.

As I reviewed all of scripture
The only one I found who volunteered for
anything was Isaiah.
Remember, Isaiah was in the throne room of God
Surrounded by these incredible Seraphims.
And God said "whom shall I send?"
And Isaiah responded by saying
"Here I am, send me!"

I don't know if that really counts as volunteering When you are surrounded by the majesty of God, All the splendour and terror and Holiness of God. I don't think Isaiah could say anything else other than "Here I Am, Send Me".

