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**‘To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father
- to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.’**

[Revelation 1:5b) - 6]

Do we realise the wonder of the fact that Jesus has sought us and found us?

“You did not choose me, but I chose you . . .” [John 15:16a)]

We have already seen that Christians have been chosen by God in Jesus the Christ from eternity. The second part of John 15:16 refers to the purpose why he chose us. We shall come back to that later in our studies.

The point here is that, if you are a Christian, God in Jesus the Christ has tracked you down throughout your life, even when you were in your sin rebelling against him. It may have taken a long time for you to assent to him having Lordship in your life, and being prepared for him to fulfil his predestined plan for your life.

He may have drawn you to himself by various routes: a major event in your life; the preaching of sermons by God’s servants; a family member or friend inviting you to attend an event, or to reassess the priorities in your life; or through you seeing a colleague witnessing for Christ by simply the way he, or she, lives his, or her, life.

From living a life cut off from God by your sin, you entered a new life, eternal life, in Jesus the Christ. The guilt, the despair, the humiliation, the depth of your sin that was destroying your life and leading you toward eternal death, has, in Christ and in Christ alone, been removed.

How was it removed? Only by one method: it was washed away by the blood of Jesus the Christ that was shed on the cross at Calvary!

**‘For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God
is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.’**

[Romans 6:23]

This gift of new life in Christ - eternal life - has brought you a new perspective for life on earth and for your continued life in eternity. Furthermore, as Jesus said, you now have life in all its fulness! [cf. John 10:10b)]

As the hymnist William Cowper (1731 - 1800) put it:

‘There is a fountain filled with blood
drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood
lose all their guilty sins.’ [Praise 444, v. 1]

Oh, how he loves us!

Yours in Christ,

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