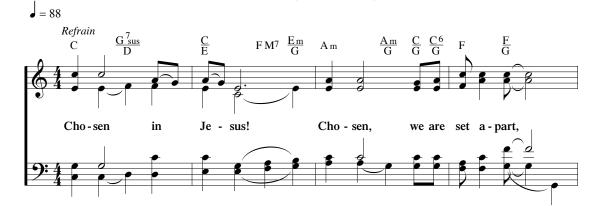
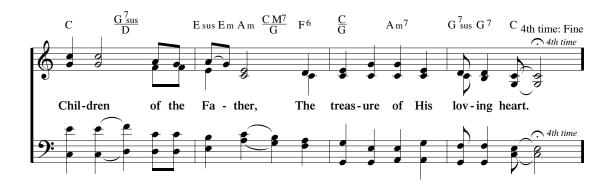
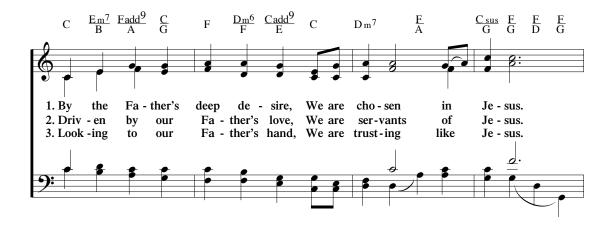
Chosen in Jesus

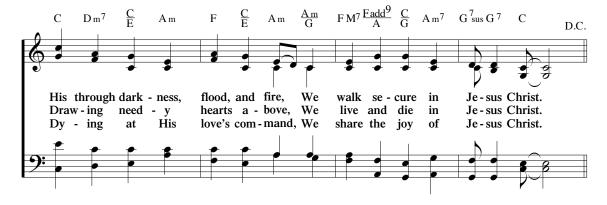
TUNE: Ride On, King Jesus
Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Isaiah 42:1; 43:1-4; 49:6; John 15:11;
Romans 8:14-17; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Ephesians 1:3-6;
2 Thessalonians 2:13-15; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Peter 2:9







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LEAD-IN: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9, NASB).

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Chosen

God chose us as He chose Israel in the Old Testament. Our coming to God, our relationship with Him, was entirely

His idea,

His choice,

His purpose,

His intention, and

His doing,

out of His love and

by His personal sacrifice.

Israel proved unworthy of His choice.

God's purpose for them, His destiny for them

was fulfilled only in Jesus Christ.

So it is with us:

our worthiness,

our destiny,

our chosenness

is in Jesus Christ alone.

Like Israel,

we were chosen, not for special privilege, but for a special purpose.

We were chosen, not *instead* of unbelievers,

but on their behalf, so that God might

reach them,

bless them, and

draw them to Himself.

We were chosen, not because He loved us more,

but because of His burning, tireless love for them.

He chose us to show them how much He loves them.

We were chosen to be His personal possession, His special treasure.

We were chosen to be uniquely, totally His.

We were chosen to be holy...to be set apart completely to Him. We were chosen for a life of obedience.

We were chosen for a life of self-sacrifice,

just as was our elder brother, Jesus Christ.

We were chosen to be God's children, to live and love like our Father,

to bring Him glory and praise.

We were chosen to share the Father's

beautiful,

intimate,

seamless relationship with Jesus Christ,

now and forever.

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