



I Am Beloved

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

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Beloved” is kind of a funny word. People don’t use the word “beloved” very much anymore unless it’s in a movie, and even then it can sound a little silly and old-fashioned! But it’s actually a really special word, and over time it has become one of my favorites.

Here’s why.

Throughout the Bible, God uses the word “beloved” to describe how He feels about us. You can think about it like He is giving you a command: “Be loved.” He wants you to know what you are supposed to do—you are to be loved. You know that “to be” is a verb, right? If I told you to be nice, to be safe, or to be still, you would know exactly what I was telling you to do, wouldn’t you? I would be telling you to act a certain way or to do a certain thing.

Well, God is telling you to be loved! He doesn’t say you are His beloved only when you perform appropriately or that you will be loved more when you make fewer

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mistakes. Instead, God wants you to know that no matter what, you will always be loved by Him. You always have the assurance of His love for you. “Assurance” is a fancy word that means God promises to love you. You can count on it!

Now do you see why I think the word “beloved” is so special? Knowing you will always be loved by God gives you comfort when you are sad. It gives you confidence when you are afraid. And it gives you the amazing feeling of joy—always!

Dear God,

I am Your beloved, and that means You want me to be loved by You! When things are going great in my life, I am loved. When things are not that great, I am loved. Thank You that You will always love me, no matter what. And thank You that my relationship with You doesn't depend on how good I am or how I perform. I'm so happy that I am Your daughter, Your beloved!

In Jesus's name—amen.