

President Ronald Reagan:

“The most terrifying words in the English language are, ‘I'm from the government and I'm here to help.’”

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“Thomas Jefferson said: ‘A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have.’”

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“Whatever else history may say about me when I’m gone, I hope it will record that I appealed to your best hopes, not your worst fears; to your confidence rather than your doubts.”

Series Title:

God's Goals for You This Hour, This Day,
This Year. . .

Colossians 3:1-17

God's Ultimate Goal for Every Christian:

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son (Romans 8:29a).

Goal #1: Be Mindful of Who You Are
in Christ

Colossians 3:1-4

Goal #2: Don't Be Who You Are
Apart from Christ

Colossians 3:5-10

Goal #3: Become More Like Christ
Every Day (Part 1)

Colossians 3:10-14

I. We Are God's Special People.

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v.12 - God's chosen ones, holy and beloved

A. We are God's chosen people.

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God's chosen ones or the elect of God

We were chosen before we were ever born:

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*he chose us in him before the foundation of
the world (Eph.1:4)*

“God must have chosen me before I came into the world. He certainly would not have done so afterward.”

– Charles Spurgeon

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who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began (2 Tim.1:9).

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For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. (1 Thess.1:4-5)

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B. We are God's *holy* people.

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- C. We are God's *beloved* or *dearly loved* people.

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See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. (1 John 3:1)

II. We Can Live Like God's Special People.

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*And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together in perfect
harmony. (v.14)*

1. Love will unite us with all our brothers
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Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. (v.11)