

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
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This week the Responsorial Psalm seems to be the underlying theme of both the readings and the Gospel. "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."

Often, you will hear people say things along the lines of "Choose to follow the Lord." This is obviously important, but I wonder if those people who are not following the Lord, do not understand that He chooses them first. To be better disciples, we need to make sure and explain that Jesus chooses us to follow Him. He loves us first and asks us to love Him in return.

In the First Reading, Moses asks "Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live?" To me, he is saying "You are the first people with whom God is choosing to share His good news." He continues to explain to them that through Moses, the Lord is telling them He has chosen them to give the commandments to, in order that they "may have long life on the land which the Lord, your God, is giving **you** forever."

The second reading continues this same theme in saying that if we "are led by the Spirit of God [we] are sons of God." Again, we would not be led by the Spirit of God without being chosen by Him. God chooses all of us to be his children through "a Spirit of adoption". The word "adopt" is defined in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary as "to take by choice into a relationship".

There is no better example of the Lord choosing his people than the original disciples who Jesus called to follow Him. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples to "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." When I read this, I hear Jesus saying "Go and share about My love with ALL the people of the world, because they are all my chosen ones."

The knowledge that God has chosen us is a treasure to be kept in our hearts at all times. When we feel lost about what to do and pray, it will be helpful to remember that He wants to be there for us. He has "adopted" us. "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."

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