

WELCOME TO HAVEN

June 9, 2024

Welcome

Worship Songs

"Holy Water"

"Spirit Move"

Prayer

Scripture for Today

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NIV)

Message

"I Think I Am...Special"

Jack D. Cohen

Offering/Worship Song

"Run to the Father"

**Closing*



I Think I Am...



I THINK I AM...

...SPECIAL

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

- _____: “an _____; a chosen _____ of a ruling authority
- An ambassador is the _____ diplomat sent from one country to another to _____ & _____ the interest of their home country.”

AS JESUS’ AMBASSADOR ...

■ You were not _____ by people but _____ by God

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last ... ¹⁹If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. ...” – John 15:16, 19

“But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives...” – Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

- When God _____ you, it doesn’t matter who _____ you

■ You never _____ yourself; you always _____

“Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ...” – Philippians 1:27 (NLT)

“And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus...” – Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

■ You have the _____ of the One who _____ you

“I may seem to be boasting too much about the authority given to us by the Lord. But our authority builds you up; it doesn’t tear you down. So I will not be ashamed of using my authority.” – 2 Corinthians 10:8 (NLT)

“Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy ...” – Luke 10:19 (NLT)

“So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” – 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 (NLT)

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” – Matthew 28:18-20