

Everybody wants a place where they know they can belong; the Bible assures us that we are created for belonging, and baptism is the sign of God's promise that we always have a place to belong with him.

God himself within God's very being is  
a \_\_\_\_\_

We have been created to \_\_\_\_\_

God \_\_\_\_\_ his people based on a covenant love that  
is \_\_\_\_\_

It is entirely \_\_\_\_\_ for you to \_\_\_\_\_ as a  
part of his community

Egypt, Cush, Seba = \_\_\_\_\_

God chooses belonging by the way of \_\_\_\_\_

in a \_\_\_\_\_ world, belonging to Jesus will  
always feel like \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus by \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

## Made to Belong

*Isaiah 43:1-13 (NIV)*



<sup>1</sup> But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for **I have redeemed you; I have summoned you** by name; you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, **I will be with you**; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. <sup>4</sup> Since **you are precious and honored** in my sight, and because **I love you**, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for **I am with you**; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

**<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”**

<sup>8</sup> Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. <sup>9</sup> All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble. Which of their gods foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things? Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say, “It is true.” <sup>10</sup> “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom **I have chosen**, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. <sup>11</sup> I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. <sup>12</sup> **I have revealed and saved and proclaimed**— I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “that I am God. <sup>13</sup> Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?”

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Understanding the Bible:  
What is the problem being  
expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

What are all the things God promises to do for his people  
in today's Bible passage?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

### Today's Bible Passage: Isaiah 43:1-13

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

G A T H E R I V E R S H  
R E D E E M E D A I W L  
T X E D X W H E N D I A  
B H N I E C F I R E T E  
R Z E S U C H O Z D N D  
I C P R O C L A I M E D  
N N R A E P L A N M S D  
G A E E S B E J R G S G  
L M T L A S D O A E E I  
O E A I L T F V P C S V  
S U M M O N E D N L O E  
U V B U R N E D E Z E B  
V F L A M E S A V I O R

But now, this is what the **LORD** says— he who **created** you, **Jacob**, he who **formed** you, **Israel**: “Do not **fear**, for I have **redeemed** you; I have **summoned** you by **name**; you are mine. **When** you **pass** through the waters, I will be with you; and **when** you **pass** through the **rivers**, they will not sweep over you. **When** you walk through the **fire**, you will not be **burned**; the **flames** will not set you **ablaze**. For I am the **LORD** your God, the Holy One of **Israel**, your **Savior**; I **give** Egypt for your

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