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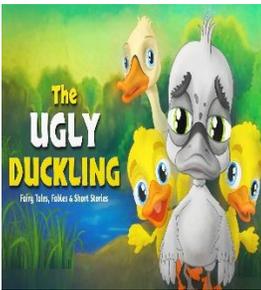
“Vaajtswv Xaiv Peb”

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Thov Txuj koobmoov txujkev hlub hab txujkev humxeeb pub rua mej suavdlawg lug ntawm Vaajtswv kws yog peb Leejtxiv kws yog peb tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

**Efexaus 1:4**, “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. - *Uantej tsi tau tsim ntuj tsim teb, nwg xaiv peb lug ua tuabneeg dlawbhuv hab tsi muaj kev txhum rua ntawm nwg.*” Nuav yog Vaajtswv Txujlug. (Cross-reference – Matthais 13:22, Loos 12:2, 1 Kauleethaus 15:3, 2 Kauleethaus 4:4, Kalatias 2:20, Efexaus 5:16, Filipis 4:20, 1 Thexalaunikes 1:3; 3:11, 13, 1 Timautes 2:6, 1 Yauhaas 5:19)

Illustration “Ugly” (Show picture of ugly duckling)



Hans Christian Andersen’s tale of “The Ugly Duckling” illustrates Txug txujkev kws qha qhov tseeb txug ntawm koj txujkev xaav. Txawm tug u yug nrug tuab lub zeg qais los tug u nuav zoo txawv dluas le lwmtug. Nwg luj hab phem heev vim nwg tsi muaj tej nyuas plaub dlaj zoo le lwmtug u. Tsi muaj leejtwg paub hastas, ua le caag tug ugly duckling ntawd txhaj zoo le ntawd – **Leejnam** los tsi totaub, **tug luav** los tsi totaub, **tug qab covtxwv** los tsi totaub. Hab nwg tug kheej kag los tsi totaub hastas ua le caag nwg txhaj le txawv dlua le lwmtug. Yog mej ua tuabzoo xaav mej yuav paub hastas, tug ugly duckling nuav yuav xaav le caag txug nwg tug kheej. (Show ugly duckling)

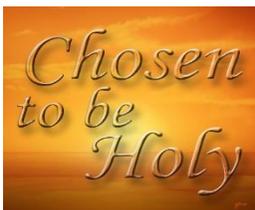


Nwg yuav nug hastas, “Yog tim le caag rua kuv? Kuv tsi zoo le lwmtug. Kuv ua tsi tau dlaabtsi le!” Lub ntsablug txug txujkev xaav le nuav yog: Depression, feelings of worthlessness, a sense of failure, always trying to perform like the other ducks and perhaps feelings of rejection. Tabsis qhov tseeb yog dlaabtsi? Qhovtseeb tag tug ugly duckling nuav tsi yog duck tabsis yog ib tug” Swan – u dlawb.”

I. Dlhau lub caij ntuj no tug ugly duckling hloov lug ua ib tug beautiful swan. (Show beautiful swan)



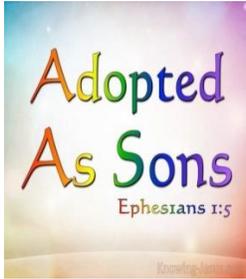
Qhovtseeb tag nwg yeej yog ib tug swan tabsis vim nwg tug kheej tsuas xaav hastas, nwg tsuas yog tug u kws phem hab tsi zoo le. Tabsis qhov kws nwg txujkev xaav puas yog qhovtseeb? Tug ugly duck nuav ntseeg rua txujkev dlaag hastas nwg yog tug ugly duck ces nwg txawm ca le ntseeg rua txujkev kws tsi tseeb ntawd. Nuav zoo ib yaam le peb txujkev ntseeg kws yuav coj peb tug cwjpwv zoo le caag. Yog peb ntseeg rua txujkev dlaag ces peb tseem nyob rua txujkev kws khi peb rua txujkev txhum. Yog peb ntseeg qhovtseeb – Vaajtswv qha qhov tseeb rua peb – peb dlim ntawd txujkev txhum vim Vaajtswv xaiv peb lawm. **Show chosen to be Holy**)



Nyob rua peb tsaab ntawv, tug Thwjt看 Paulus sau moog txhawb cov ntseeg nyob rua Efexaus (taamsim nuav lub tebchaw ntawd peb hu ua Turkey) kuas cov ntseeg nuav xaav dlua lwm txujkev tshab. Vim cov tuabneeg nuav puab pe dlaab pe

mlom, ua kev plees kev yig, ntseeg yaam kws ruag rua txujkev nplajteb lawm.

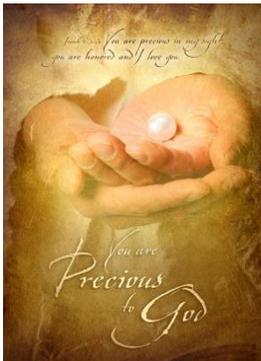
Paulus xaav kuas cov ntseeg nuav xaav txug hastas puab yog Yexus Khetos cov tuabneeg – puab yog tug tuabneeg tshab. Yexus Khetos tub xub xaiv txhuatug txij thaum nwg tsim lub nplajteb nuav lawm. Vaajtswv xaiv puab lug ua tuabneeg dlawbhuv. (Show Ephesians 1:5)



Mej puas pum hastas, Vaajtswv hlub peb kawg nkaus. Paulus sau hastas, “he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – *Nwg xub xaiv peb lug ua nwg cov mivnyuas lug ntawm Yexus Khetos lawv le nwg txujkev zoo hab txujlug cogtseg.*” (Efexaus 1:5). Yog le ntawd peb txhaj le muaj nujnqe heev rua Vaajtswv. Yog koj nug hastas, “Koj muaj nqe npaum le caag? Koj raug nqe npaum le caag? Koj puas yuav teb tau lulug nuav? Feem ntau peb tsi paub teb lulug nug nuav. Tabsis rua ntawm peb nam peb txiv, peb tug quaspuj peb tug quasyawg peb muaj nqe heev rua puab vim

tsi muaj ib yaam dlaabtsi yuav lug pauv los hloov tau peb rua ntawm puab le. Tabsis yog rua lwmlleej lwmtug, koj hab kuv yuav tsi muaj ib qhov “Value – Nqe” rua puab vim peb tsi yog puab tug. Tabsis rua ntawm Vaajtswv, Nwg xaiv peb txawm peb tub tsi ntxim tau nwg txujkev hlub le vim peb yog tuabneeg txhum. Tabsis Ntawm Vaajtswv ob lub qhovmuag peb tub raug cawm lug ntawm nwg tug Tub Tswv Yexus Khetos lawm, nwg txhaj le xaiv peb. (Show precious to God)

II. Peb feem ntau yeej tsi tau nov lulug hastas peb muaj nqe heev rua lwmtug. Vim peb nyob rua lub nplajteb kws muaj kev txhum. Txawm zoo le nuav los peb tseemceeb heev rua Vaajtswv.



Tuabneeg tsi xaiv txujkev ua neej rua ntawm kev ncaajnceeg hab ua lub neej lawv le Vaajtswv lub sab nyam. Tuabneeg xum moog xaiv txujkev dlaagntxag rua ntawm saab nqaijtawv heev dluas le rua saab ntawm saab ntsujplig. Yog koj xaiv rua ntawm saab nqaijtawv, tsi ntev txujkev dlaagntxag lug dlaag tau koj rua txujkev tsi zoo, thaum kawg ntawm koj saab ntsujplig tsuas tuag zujzug moog. Thaum twg tuabneeg ua lub neej txawv dluas le Vaajtswv lub homphaj vim nwg xaav kuas Vaajtswv xaiv nwg vim nwg xaav hastas nwg yuavtsum ua haujlwm zoo Vaajtswv txhaj le hlub nwg. Yog koj xaav le nuav koj totaub yuamkev lawm. Ca peb sab ib zaaj yeeb yaaj kab txug txujkev kws tuabneeg xaav hastas koj yuavtsum tau. (Show video of Private Ryan – attacking on the bridge)



Saving Private Ryan (1998) - Captain Miller Death Scene - YouTube 4.53 Min.mp4

The movie "Saving Private Ryan" ends with Captain Miller (Tom Hanks' character) sitting near a bridge after an attack by German forces. Thaum nwg txujsav yuav tug nwg muab Ryan (Matt Damon) nqug lug rua ntawm nwg. Txawm nwg tub ua paa tsi taug lawm los nwg ntxhi - whispers, “Earn this, earn this – *Ua kuas tau le nuav, ua kuas tau le nuav.*” (Show picture of Saving Private Ryan)



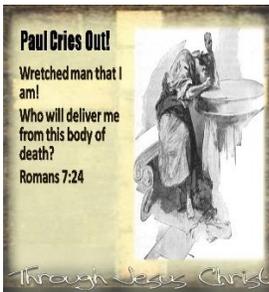
Thaum Private Ryan nyob ntawm lub cemetery kws zais Captain Miller, Ryan tig rov lug saib nwg lub neej thaum nwg tub laug laug lawm nwg has rua nwg tug quaspuj hastas, “Tell me I’m a good man – *Qha rua kuv saib kuv yog ib tug tuabneeg zoo.*” Coob leej ntau ntug ntseeg hastas Yexus Khetos tuag rua puab, tabsis puab tseem xaav hastas, “Earn this – *ua kuas tau le nuav.*” Puab siv puab lub neej lug ntseeg ntau pawgntseeg kuas puab puab pawgntseeg ntawd qha rua puab hastas puab tub tau qhov zoo lawm “Koj yog ib tug txivneeg zoo losyog koj yog ib tug quaspuj zoo.” Tabsis tug kws totaub txujkev ntseeg tseeb, yog lug

ntawm Vaajtswv txuj koobmoov qha rua peb hastas peb yeej tsi ntxim tau ntawm Yexus Khetos tug ntoo khaublig le. Ntawm peb lub neej peb tsuas yog tsuas muaj lug ua tsaug rua txujkev kws Yexus tub ua tav lawm, tsi taag yuav kuas lwmtwg qha rua peb hastas, peb yog tug tuabneeg zoo. (Show Ephesians 1:6)



Peb yeej tsi ntxim tau txujsa le, peb tsuas yog zoosab hlo txais xwb, vim Yexus Khetos xaiv peb “to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves - *Lug qhuas nwg tej koobmoov vim nwg pub dlawbpaug rua tug kws nwg hlub.*” (Efexaus 1:6).

III. Yexus Khetos hlub peb hab foom koobmoov rua peb ntawm saab ntsujplig. Thaum peb tig saib ibncig peb, peb yuav nov tej xovxwm tsi zoo ua rua peb nyuajsab ti nkaus peb tej pobtxhaa huv peb lub neej. Tej laib tua tuabneeg tsi muaj kev tu sab le. Cov txivneej cov quaspuj muab puab lub cev moog ua txivndlav hab namndlav. Tej mivyuas los tseem raug muab “abortion - *muab rhu*” kws yog tua tuag thaum tseem nyob huv leejnam lub plaab. Yog le ntawd, tuabneeg txujsa yeej tsi muaj nuj nqe le. Ibtxha tuabneeg xaav hastas, tuabneeg txujsa tsi tseemceeb. Txujkev txhum muab tuabneeg lub neej ua tsi muaj nqe. Tuabneeg tsua xaav hastas ua neej tsi muaj nqe vim lub nplajteb nuav txujkev txhum lug ua rua tuabneeg dligmuag lawm. (Show Romans 7:24)



Peb tsi yog pum lub nplajteb nuav xwb, tabsis peb rov pum rua ntawm peb tug kheej. Thaum peb ua txhum, peb xaav hastas lub neej tsi muaj nqe lawm. Peb xaav hastas peb tsi rau nqe. Txujkev txhum muab peb ua yaam kws ua tsi yog. Thaum peb paub peb qhov kev txhum lawm, peb tsua xaav moog tua peb kheej. Yog le ntawd, thaum Paulus nyuajsab rua tej kev txhum nuav Paulus txhaj le quaj hab hastas, “What a wretch man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death – *Kuv yog tug tuabneeg phem! Leejtwg txhaj le yuav cawm tau kuv ntawm txujkev tuag.*” (Loos 7:24).

Cov kwvtij hlub hab movtshua ntawm Tswv Yexus lub npe, txujkev txhum muab peb saib qeg kawg nkaus. (Show Ephesians 1:7)

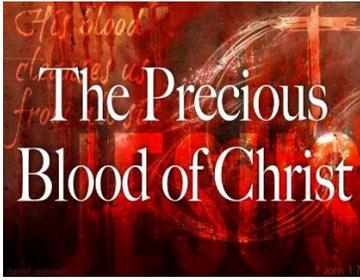


“It is in Christ and through His Blood that we have been redeemed...” Ephesians 1:7

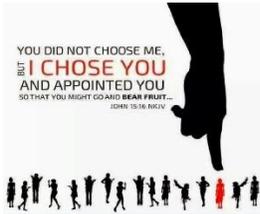
Tab sis Vaajtswv txujkev hlub muab peb saib sab kawg nkaus, vim nwg xaiv peb lug ua nwg cov mivnyuas lawm. Nwg hlub peb kawg nkaus nwg txhaj le khaiv nwg tuableeg Tub lug cawm peb vim lub nplajteb poob moog rua txujkev txhum lawm. Lug ntawm Yexus, peb tau txujkev cawmdlim. Paulus txhaj le hastas, “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace – *Peb tau kev cawmdlim*

*lug ntawm nwg cov ntshaav kws yog txujkev zaamtxim rua txujkev txhum lug ntawm Vaajtswv tej koobmoov.*” (Efexaus 1:7). Vim Vaajtswv tej koobmoov nwg pub dlawbpaug rua koj, koj yuavtsum pub txujkev nuav rua koj cov kwvtij zejzog. Koj yuavtsum saib lwmtug muaj nqe heev rua ntawm Vaajtswv hab. Vaajtswv tsi yog xaiv cov ntseeg Vaajtswv xwb, tabsis nwg xaiv taagnrho lub nplajteb nuav kws yog khaiv nwg tug Tub lug tuag sau tug ntoo khaublig theej taagnrho lub nplajteb.

IV. Thaum twg peb saib **Vaajtsev** peb hastas, “**Lub tsev** nuav muaj nqe npaum le caag?” Thaum twg peb yuav **tsheb** peb nug hastas, “**Lub tsheb** nuav raug nqe npaum le caag?” Txhua yaam peb ua huv peb lub neej, peb muab ntau nqe saib nwg raug le caag. Nyob rua ntawm Yexus Khetos, nwg tsi muab peb ntau nqe hastas peb yuav kim le caag. Nwg tub tsi tau hastas, “Koj yuavtsum yog tug ncaajnceeg kuv maam le xaiv koj. Nwg tub tsi tau hastas, Kuv tsua yog lug cawm cov kws yog tuabneeg zoo xwb.” (Show The precious blood of Christ)



Yexus txu hlo nwg lub fwjchim lug tuag sau tug ntoo khaublig kws yog siv nwg cov ntshaav lug theej koj hab kuv hab lub nplajteb nuav txujkev txhum. Martin Luther totaub hastas peb tuabneeg muaj nuj nqe heev rua ntawm Vaajtswv vim Vaajtswv xaiv peb lawm. Luther txhaj le hastas, “Christ redeem us, not with gold or silver, but with his holy precious blood and his innocent suffering and death – *Yexus Khetos cawm peb tsi yog xua nyaj hab kub yuav peb tabsis yog siv nwg cov ntshaav kws yog lug ntawm txujkev tsimtxom hab tuag.*” (Show John 15:16)



Vaajtswv hlub peb kawg nkaus vim peb muaj nqe tshaaj le tej nyaj tej kub huv lub nplajteb nuav. Puas muaj ib yaam dlaabtsi kws yuav ua rua koj muab tau koj txujsa lug pauv tau? Yog koj muaj nuav ces koj totaub hastas, Vaajtswv nuav hlub koj npaum le caag. Koj yuav xaiv tsi tau Vaajtswv tabsis Yexus hastas, “You did not choose me, but I **chose** you..... – *Mej tsi yog xaiv kuv tabsis yog kuv xaiv mej.*” (Yauhaas 15:16)

Jeannette George qha txug ib zaaj keebkwm has txug muaj ib leejnam coj nwg tug mivnyuas caij tshab dlaav hlau. Thaum tug mivnyuas nuav quaj hu “dada, dada” suavdlawg has lug luag ntxwbntxhis rua leejnam hastas it’s OK. Leejnam muab cracker hab juice rua tug mivnyuas noj hab haus. Thaum tug mivnyuas tau noj lawm ces nwg ntsag. (Show baby mess)



Tabis lub tshab dlaavhlau muaj “turbulence – *tig moog tig lug*” ces ua tug mivnyuas nuav ntuav cov cracker hab juice ntawd rov tuaj lu suavdlawg nyob ibncig cheebtsam ntawd taag. Thaum lub tshab dlaavhlau tsaw, cov tuabneeg nyob ze ntawd hab tug mivnyuas nuav tsw ntuav heev. Tabis thaum tug mivnyuas nuav pum dlheev leejtxiv, leejtxiv lug puag nkaus tug mivnyuas nuav hab nwj nwg tsi tseg hab hastas, “My little girl, my little girl hab nwj nwg tsi tseg.” [Jeannette Clift George, "Belonging and Becoming," Preaching Today, Tape No. 93.] (Show Jesus hugging)



Peb zoo sisthoj le tug mivnyuas nuav. Txawm peb yuav muaj kev txhum peb yuav tswphem, tsi zoo los Vaajtswv txujlug qha rua peb hastas, Vaajtswv yeej tsi tso peb tseg. Vaajtswv xaiv peb vim peb yog txhua yaam rua ntawm Vaajtswv. Paulus txhaj le sau ntxiv hastas, “... lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding - *Vaajtswv pub txhua txujkev txawjntse hab kev totaub rua peb.*” (Efexaus 1:8). Peb txhaj le paub meej meej hastas, Yexus lug cawm tug kws poobzoo lawm, vim nwg xaiv peb. Cov kwv tij hlub hab movtshua, koj ca le moog tshajtawm Txujmoozoo txug Yexus Khetos rua tug kws tsi tau paub tas

Yexus yog puab tug Cawmseej. Paulus txhaj le hastas, “In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, - *Ntawm nwg peb raug xaiv lawv le Vaajtswv lub homphaj kws nwg tub npaajtseg lawv le nwg dlejsab lawm.*” (Efexaus 1:11) Asmees.

Thov kuas Vaajtswv txujlug pub rua peb suavdlawg totaub hab tau nyob kaajsab lug. Peb txhuatug kws yog Vaajtswv cov mivnyuas peb suavdlawg has: Asmees.