

## **Reformed Church of Whanganui**

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Sunday Morning 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

# **Salvation for God's Chosen People**

Reading: Isaiah 44:1-11 Text: Isaiah 44:1-5

Today we have the privilege of witnessing Bruno's baptism. Sometimes as parents we wonder what the future holds for our children when they grow up. Will there be more persecution than now? Will they be as free to worship as we are now? New Zealand is gradually becoming more and more idolatrous as fewer claim Christ as their saviour. For God's people caught up in the midst of idolatry Isaiah 44:1-5 contains a message of comfort and hope. Our God is a God who is faithful to his covenant. He blesses his children through faith in Christ in every generation.

## Outline

### **1. God's covenant faithfulness**

The name YHWH

The Lord keeps his promises

Therefore do not be afraid

### **2. Covenant blessings are ours.**

Forgiveness

Jacob/Jeshurun

The Holy Spirit

The unstoppable Gospel

### **3. Covenant responsibilities**

To say 'I am the Lord's'

To have confidence in God and bring our children forward for baptism

To serve