

THE CHOSEN



One of the most commonly used phrases from the Bible unwittingly is this found in Matthew 22:14 which tells us "For many are called, but few are chosen." Its obvious people like you and I attach its usefulness to our speech and daily dealings without knowing the strength of the statement from its origin.

I can hardly put together the reason why people who have read this portion of God's word would decide to settle for the role of being " called" alone and not chosen, - though there is some answer when we read Matthew 24:12 as it says "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. "

The gravity of the word in Matthew 22:14 is that only a handful of people who have known about God and His work on the cross of Calvary through Jesus Christ, are worthy of entering into His rest (the Kingdom of Heaven). It tells us that salvation is open to all but only a little amount of people on the earth would be accepted to enter into God's kingdom at the end of time. It also means that, like an interview for a job, there'll be many applicants but obviously not all persons would be taken in for the post applied for.

Fortunately, the Bible tells us that "...behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." In John 4:35, instructing us that there is still room for more harvest of souls to God's kingdom. The Bible also tells us in John 6 :37 "

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Dear reader, it is possible to be a part of God's kingdom for real. It is possible to be chosen and not called alone. It is possible to pass from this life into eternity with God, for the Bible says again in Isaiah 1:18 " Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." There is no case that is totally bad before the eyes of God, that's why even in our sins as terrible as they are, He sent his only son to be used as a sacrifice for our sins. Don't think its a blank cheque, because Jesus' blood was shed for all on the cross, He still desires that you acknowledge His love for you by giving your life to Him, living for Him in purity and holiness, without sin!

Dear reader, do not settle for being called alone, it wouldn't pay you either in this life or in the life to come. Desire to see God's mercies and goodness, allow yourself to be chosen by God. The pleasures of the world are all a bunch of vanity and deception, they can never satisfy you and give you the inner peace you crave for, only God can. Your level of intimacy with God is what matters most and is what will count at the end of time, your purity and holiness is what God really desires from you. Your comfort and pleasures are only for you to know that God loves you so much to provide you with comfort that you may seek His face and will without hindrance or distraction. God is still calling you even today, as there is still time for His mercy, it wouldn't last forever!

We wouldn't be on this earth forever! There is a place people go to after death, it is either heaven or hell! Your eternity is at the mercy of whatever you do with your life today. Would you rather be intimate with God, chosen and zealous for Him and attain perfect peace and rest in eternity or would you prefer to attain all in this life and regret in eternity in hell and eternal torment.

There is still hope for your soul, there is still a chance of being chosen and not just called alone by God, there is still a chance to be God's own child and to see his goodness, now and in the after-life.

For those who are willing; say this prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, I come before you today, I acknowledge I have been far from you and I now know that I need salvation for my soul. Please forgive me my sins, wash me with your blood and help me to remain pure and clean in your sight. I confess and denounce all wrongs before you, save me from sin, its power and consequences now. Jesus give me the grace to live for you, now and till the end of life. In Jesus name I pray. Amen!

Congratulations, having said that prayer you just made the most important decision of your lifetime. Please strive as much as you can to run from sin, guilt and anything that is contrary to the word of God and condemns you in your heart. Learn how to constantly live for God with a perpetual study of the Bible and do not neglect a Bible-believing church where you can continuously fuel your spiritual life. God loves you. Remember Jesus is Coming soon, let Him find you waiting and not wanting. God bless you.

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