

Called, Chosen, and Faithful

A weekly devotional message for the family

(Matthew 22:14) For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

(Revelation 17:14) These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

These that are with the Lord are “called, chosen, and faithful.” These 3 words show the 3 phases of our spiritual journey. The 3 stages of our Christian maturity. Let us understand each stage so that we can find ourselves called, chosen, and faithful till the very end.

Called

The whole world is called. God is calling the entire world to salvation. God’s great love is for the whole world, and every last soul. We must understand that God does not want one soul to be lost. He wants us all to be saved. When Jesus was at Jerusalem and giving the Great Commission to the disciples, (Mark 16:15-16) *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

The church is called to preach the gospel to the whole world because the whole world is called to come to the saving grace of Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:4) *Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*

Every soul, no matter how much of a sinner they are, are loved by God and He wants them to be saved. (John 3:16) *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

We are being called to believe and obey this precious gospel so that we can obtain this great glory. (2 Thessalonians 2:14) *Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Chosen

Those that respond to God’s call are chosen by God to be His disciple and to work for Him in the Church. They are firm in their faith. They have responded to the truth and have determined to keep it. We choose to follow the Lord and walk in a new life. (Romans 8:1) *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

We have put on Christ. That means we choose to live like Jesus lived, not in sin but in holiness, (Romans 13:14) *But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

To do this we need to live in the will of Christ by following His examples and by regularly praying to Him. (John 15:4-5, NKJV) *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me. (5) I am the vine, you are the branches: He that stays in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing.*

Faithful

The called and chosen in Revelation stood faithfully in the Lord despite trials, tribulations, sufferings, adversities, afflictions, persecutions, and conflicts. They continue in the faith. (Colossians 1:23) *If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.*

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We have to prove that we are faithful. (1 Corinthians 4:2) Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Those that are faithful commit themselves to the work of the Lord. (2 Timothy 2:2) And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

We are to use every effort to make God's calling and choosing of us secure. This is the only way of staying saved and not falling. (2 Peter 1:10-13) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: (11) For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (12) Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth. (13) Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *you* in remembrance.

These are the things that we must be reminded of. It is not good enough to make a one time commitment to God, and then walk away. We must keep the faith till the end. (Matthew 24:13) But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Then we will hear the words from our Lord, (Matthew 25:23) His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

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