

# Called and Chosen by God

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"But we preach **Christ Crucified**, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto those **who are called**, both Jews and Greeks, Christ (is) the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For you see **your calling**, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, **are called**. But **God has chosen** the foolish things (people) of the world to confound the wise; and **God has chosen** the weak things (people) of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things (people) of the world, and things (people) who are despised, **God has chosen**." (I Corinthians 1:23-28)

**Called:** from the Greek word *kletois* an adjective which means: called, invited, summoned to come; in context the divine calling of God for people to come to Him through Christ Jesus. as it says within the last verses of the Bible:

"**I Jesus** have sent My angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the offspring (descendant) of David, and the Bright and Morning Star. And the Spirit and the bride says, '**Come**.' And let him who hears say, '**Come**.' And let him who is thirsty **Come**. And whoever desires, let him take the Water of Life freely." (Revelation 22:16-17)

**Chosen:** from the Greek word *exeloxato* a verb which means: has-chosen, or to chose; or to select, or to elect. In context: the one doing choosing is God, usually the Father, or His Son Jesus. Those chosen by God, believers, are often collectively called the Elect (*eklektion or eklektous*).

**First we were called; as it says, "Come" which we did in response to the many ways that the Good-news of Jesus was shared and proclaimed! When we come to Jesus in true faith of His way of Salvation, then we become God's Chosen Elect saints in Christ Jesus.**

## **CALLED:**

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who **are the called** according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of **His Son**, so that **He (Jesus)** might be the Firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, **these He also called**; and **whom He called**, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? " (Romans 8:28-31)

"What if God, willing to show His wrath, and to make His power known, (instead) endured with much patient-long-suffering the vessels of wrath (sinful people) prepared to destruction; so that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy (those same sinful people), whom He had prepared beforehand unto glory, **even us**, whom **He has called**, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As He said also in Hosea, '**I will call them My people, who were not My people; and her beloved, who was not beloved** (Hosea 2:23).' And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, 'You are not My people'; there shall **they be called the children of the living God**." (Romans 9:22-26)

"For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner; but be you partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel according to the power of God; who has saved us, **and called us with a holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." (2 Timothy 1:7-9)

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation by which you are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even **as you are called in one hope of your calling**; one **Lord (Jesus)**, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Ephesians 4:1-6)

"And for this cause **He (Jesus)** is the Mediator of the New Covenant, that *by* means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, **those who are called** might receive the promise of **Eternal Inheritance**." (Hebrews 9:15)

"But **the God of all grace**, who has **called us** unto His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you." (1 Peter 5:10)

"Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, **that we should be called the sons (children) of God**: therefore the world does not know us, because it knew **Him (Jesus)** not." (1 John 3:1)

### CHOSEN:

"This is My commandment: that you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends, if you do whatever I command you. Henceforth I do not call you servants; for the servant does not know what his lord does; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known unto you. You have not chosen Me, **but I have chosen you**, and ordained you, so that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; so that whatever you shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you. These things I command you, that **you love one another**." (John 15:12-17)

"If you were of the world, the world would love (phileo) its own; but because you are not of the world, but **I have chosen you out of the world**, therefore, **the world hates you**. Remember the word that I said unto you, 'The servant is not greater than His lord.' If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My sayings, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for My Name's sake, because they do not know Him (the Father) who sent Me." (John 15:19-21)

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because **God has** from the beginning **chosen you to salvation in sanctification of the Spirit** and faith *of the truth*; to which **He called you** through our Good-news, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, **stand fast**, and hold the traditions which you have been taught, whether by (spoken) word, or by our epistle (a written-letter)." (2 Thessalonians 2:13-15)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as **He has chosen us in Him (in Jesus) before the foundation of the world**, so that we should be holy and blameless before Him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will." (Ephesians 1:3-5)

"**You are a chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; so that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who in time past were not a people, but (you) are now **the people of God**; and who had not obtained mercy, but now **have obtained mercy**." (1 Peter 2:9-10)

### THE ELECT of GOD:

**Elect:** from the Greek word ***eklekton (or eklektous)*** an adjective, in the plural sense, which means: elect, or chosen-ones; in the sense of believers who have been elected, or chosen by God to inherit eternal life in His eternal Kingdom.

"Who shall lay any thing to the charge of **God's elect**? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, **who is risen again, who is even at the Right Hand of God**, who **also makes intercession for us**. Who shall separate us (His chosen-ones) from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, '*For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter (Psalm 44:22).*' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us (His chosen-ones) from the love of God, which **is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**" (Romans 8:33-39)

"... and having put on the new-man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of **Him** who created him; where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but **Christ is all, and in all**. Therefore, put on **as the elect of God, holy and beloved**: hearts of mercy (compassion), kindness, humility, gentleness, patient-long-suffering, bearing with each other, and forgiving one another." (Colossians 3:10-13)

### Finally please consider these invitations to Come and follow Jesus:

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, **Jesus** stood and cried-out, saying, 'If any man thirsts, **let him come unto me**, and drink. He who believes on Me, as the scripture (Isaiah 44:3) has said, 'Out of his belly (i.e. innermost-being) shall flow rivers of living water . But this **He** spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believe on Him should receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet (given); because Jesus was not yet glorified.'" (John 7:37-39)

"**Come unto Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

"Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, 'One thing you lack: go your way, sell whatever you have, and give it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and **come, take up the cross, and follow Me.**'" (see in context: Mark 10:21)

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**Please Come !!**

**Thank You Father for the Promise of Living Water – even Your Holy Spirit !!**

**Thank You for calling us and giving us eternal glory in Christ Jesus !!**

**Thank You for Your Love which is in and through Christ Jesus !!**

**Thank You Jesus for Your Promise of Everlasting Life !!**

**Thank You for Your promise of Eternal Inheritance !!**

**Thank You for Your Mercy and Forgiveness !!**

**Thank You Jesus for Choosing me !!**

**Thank You for being For us !!**

**Truly Truly Amen**