

The Chosen Few

Foundation Scripture: Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few [are] chosen.

A. Develop Heart Faith and not just Mental Assent.

How: Hear and Do.

1. Be a God Chaser.

Deu 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt **hearken** diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe [and] to **do** all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Deu 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and **overtake** thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Joshua 1:8 Keep the Word in your mouth and speak it always.

Judges 7:5-7 God chose for Gideon 300 men who were alert, bringing water in their hands to their mouths; not on knees bent over and vulnerable.

2. Choose Life.

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, [that] I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Pro 18:21 Death and life [are] in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the issues of life.

3. Live your calling.

Psa 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

Psa 102:18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

Psa 102:19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

Psa 102:20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

Rev 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. *Note: without faith, it is impossible to please God Heb 11:6*

B. Your Promises are manifested with Faith and Patience.

How: Continue in Hearing and Doing.

1. Be a disciple of Jesus.

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed;

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Matt 7:24 Build your house upon the rock of God's Word.

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

2. Be a friend of Jesus.

Joh 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

3. Live your justification in Christ Jesus.

Mar 14:24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. *Note: Not shed for all people but only for those who accept Him. Shed for the many believers but only few have accepted Communion regularly and/or the power of the Lord's Table; most see it as a symbol and/or memorial.*

Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one [judgment came] upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one [the free gift came] upon all men unto justification of life.

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Rom 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Mat 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. *Note But few choose to speak God's Word.*

C. Alive and Remaining.

How: Let the Word wash you clean as you continue in Hearing and Doing.

1. Living the Word cleanses you.

Eph 5:25 even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Note: Living the Word helps you to die to sin, to pride and self.

2. Choose to be part of the Glorious Church.

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. *Note: Choose to be part of the few, who accept this calling.*

*Choose **not** to be one of the many who choose a lukewarm church.*

Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

3. Be one of the Few who choose to be an Overcomer.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together.

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

D. Not Alive but Remaining.

How: These are those who die physically while continuing in the Word.

1. Dead in Jesus.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him *Note: This will occur at the Great White Throne Judgment in Rev 20.*

These are believers, the elect; but not disciples and not of the few.

2Co 5:6 Therefore [we are] always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

2Co 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

2Co 5:8 We are confident, [I say], and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

2. Dead in Christ.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

These are disciples, very elect and have chosen to be of the few.

Essentially, they are martyrs, who died a natural death while standing on God's Word of Healing.

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

3. Martyrs.

Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Rev 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast [some] of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.