

I. INTRODUCTION.

A. Scripture text: **Revelation 17:12-14.**

"And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. [13] "These have one purpose and they give their power and authority to the beast. [14] "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful."

B. John gives a 3-fold description of those who follow the Lord of lords and King of kings.

C. Let's focus on what it means to be a child of the King, and a servant of our Lord.

II. THE CALLED.

A. The calling of God is a great and precious thing. God is calling people unto Himself through His Son.

B. Some passages to consider about the calling of God:

1. We are called by the gospel (2Th. 2:14; Ac. 2:39; 2:21).

(2Th 2:14) And it was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Ac 2:39) "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."

(Ac 2:21) 'AND IT SHALL BE, THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.'

2. Jesus has come to call the sinners and those who know of their unrighteousness before God.

You don't have to be good to be called (Mt. 9:13).

"But go and learn what *this* means, 'I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

3. This is a heavenly calling, to become a better, more spiritual person (Heb. 3:1).

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.

4. This is a holy calling, not based on our works, but upon the grace of God. Feel the honor!

(2Tim. 1:9).

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 granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

5. Only the true gospel calls us to salvation (Gal. 1:6).

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;

6. To be called means to be justified (Rom. 8:30).

and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

III. THE CHOSEN.

A. The text: 1Peter 1:1,2.

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen [2] according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.

B. The doctrines of election and being chosen are the same.

C. Being the chosen of God is:

1. According to God's foreknowledge.

a. The choice was made before creation that we were to be like X (Eph. 1:4).

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love

b. The eternal purpose was completed in X (Eph. 3:11).

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

2. By the sanctifying work of the Spirit.
 - a. Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17).
So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
 - b. To obey the word is to obey the Spirit. He sanctifies through the Word (Jn. 17:17).
“Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.
 3. Due to our obedience to Jesus Christ.
 - a. Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1Tim. 1:15).
It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.
 - b. Jesus is the source of salvation to all who obey Him (Heb. 5:9).
And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,
 - c. Why call Him Lord, and not obey Him? (Mt. 7:21).
“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.
- D. One preacher explained the doctrine of election this way: “God casts one vote for you, and the devil has cast a vote for you. Now you must cast the deciding vote.”

IV. THE FAITHFUL.

- A. Once we have obeyed X, we must walk in a way that is pleasing to X (Phil. 1:27).
Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;
- B. Some scriptures for consideration:
 1. To be crucified means to be walking by faith (Gal. 2:20).
“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.
 2. We are to live by faith (2Cor. 5:7). This means by reason, not foolishness (Ti. 2:12).
(2Cor 5:7) *for we walk by faith, not by sight--*
(Ti 2:12) *instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,*
 3. We are live and work up to our capabilities (see Mt. 25:14-30). You don't have to do everything, just do everything you can do!
 4. If you have been given much, much will be required (Lk. 12:48b).
And from everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.
- C. We are to remain faithful unto death to receive the crown of life (Mt. 24:13; Rev. 2:10).
(Mt 24:13) *“But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.*
(Rev 2:10) *‘Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*
- D. May we remain faithful to the doctrine of X, and to the church for which He died.

V. CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. No matter what happens Jesus will always be King of kings and Lord of lords.
- B. The question is whether you will choose to become one of the called, the chosen, and the faithful.
- C. God has...
 1. Called you though the gospel.
 2. Chosen you before the foundation of the world.So will you...
 3. Be faithful to Him through His Son?
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.