*Friday, January 7, 2011*

**The Chosen One**

Matthew 7:21-23 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (22) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (KJV)

We began talking about the many that are called of God, and yet in the end only a few are really chosen by Him. So what happened to the many? Well, many begin with good intentions and endure for a season, however when it came time to be doers of the word of God they were no shows for roll call. Verse 22 gives us a hint to where many have gone astray and missed the mark, and we see that it involves the name of our Lord. Do you know His name by heart, and have it written there? Because if you don’t know His name and are not preaching and teaching the full name, well you just may find out that your name is no longer written in the Lamb’s book of life, like many others.

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (17) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. (KJV)

You know, the doctrine of Christ is not a popular one with mankind because it teaches us that in order to live with God we have to die. The gospel of Christ speaks of taking up our own personal cross, nailing our own desires to it so that a new man can resurrect within us and come to life. Oh but how few really want to follow that path; many would rather have their ears tickled with a feel good doctrine, promising liberty but still being servants of corruption.

1 Corinthians 1:24-26 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. (25) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (26) For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: (KJV)

We are finishing this topic right where we started, seeing where and who our calling originated from, and what it is that is going to keep us in good standing with our Father. Christ is the power of God; not some loud mouth preacher in a three piece suit spewing out a two bit doctrine. Knowing who Christ is for yourself personally and His name will get you the results that you were looking for, as well as the path that our Lord chose for you to walk on. Do you know personally for yourself where the real power of God exists, and what name He works through?

2 Timothy 1:7-9 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (8) Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; (9) Who hath saved us, and called us with an 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, (KJV)

Do you see your calling for your own life today, who it originated from and through? You know, by giving the testimony of our Lord you will suffer persecution because the doctrine of Christ is not a real hit with mankind; but it is the only one that will get you home. So knowing your calling today, and not being ashamed by who you are following, will keep the Lord from being ashamed someday of your walk, and He will then read your name aloud before His angels and all mankind.

1 Peter 2:4-6 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, (5) Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. (6) Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. (KJV)

In conclusion, many are called but the reality is that only a few are chosen. God has given His church, His people, a rock solid name that they can build a foundation on which will never be blown over with man’s winds of doctrines. There is no other name, no other foundation that God has chosen for His people to build on, and that would be Jesus Christ. Do you know the name that God chose, because given the fact that it is good enough and approved in His sight, would it not do you well to choose the same? God bless, and stay put in the kingdom of God, and follow through with your calling.