

### The Significance of Being Chosen by God

It is a great honour to be chosen by a great authority. There is no greater honour than to be chosen by Christ, the Greatest Authority. Our salvation is not of ourselves. We have been chosen by God to be saved, and we are chosen to be given the Gospel. God personally chose us to be part of His Heavenly Kingdom. It is not by chance or coincidence; it is because God loves us, and He wants to save us from our sins. Having received the Gospel of salvation, our entire being belongs to the Lord as we are entirely saved by Him. Thus, we are to live our lives according to His will. And it is our great commission as believers to share this great Gift. This Gift is given freely by God to all who are still outside His Kingdom.

### Christ Chose to Reveal Himself (Mark 3:7-9)

Through His works and teachings, Christ chose to reveal to the people that He is the Son of God, sent by God to save them from sin. He chose to spread the message that He is the Son of God.

Through Christ’s many wonderful works and teachings, we can also witness the omnipotence of God. It was God who allowed many to hear of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Christ Chose to Heal and Save (Mark 3:10-12)

While it was not compulsory for Christ to heal the multitude, He nevertheless healed them out of the compassion of His heart. Another reason Christ chose to heal the many was to show forth His power as the Son of God. Christ at that time did not just heal the people who were afflicted by their physical sickness and infirmities, He also healed them of their spiritual sickness of sin. God is willing to heal and to save us from our sins. He died for us on the cross and had borne our iniquities for us. We must always remember that our salvation is not of ourselves. God has chosen to heal and save us from our sins (Eph 2:8-9).

### Christ Chose us to Serve Him (Mark 3:13-19)

1.    God’s Personal Choice for us to Serve Him  
      When Christ calls unto Himself who He would, He personally chose who were to come to Him and to serve Him. Having been called to serve Him, we are to stop serving the world. When Christ calls, as much as it is a call of union, it is also a call for separation. Christ’s calling is a command. We must obey His calling.
2.    God’s Deliberate Choice for us to Serve Him  
      When Christ calls unto Him who He would, it means He calls who He desires, according to His heart’s desire and will.
3.    God’s Active Choice for us to Serve Him  
      God not only calls us, He also commissions and empowers us to serve Him.

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