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Matt 22:14

"For many are ^acalled, but few *are* ^bchosen "

D&C 121:34

" Behold, there are many ^acalled, but few are chosen"

What does it mean to be called?

Answer the gospel call

- Matt 22:1-10 Parable of the Marriage of the King's Son
 " So those servants went out into the highways, and ^agathered
 together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the
 wedding was furnished with guests"
 - We are "called" when we accept the gospel

Called into God's service

- 5th Article of faith:
 " We believe that a man must be ^acalled of God, by ^bprophecy,
 and by the laying on of ^chands by those who are in ^dauthority, to
 ^epreach the Gospel and administer in the ^fordinances thereof."

Examples

- John 15:16 - Christ chose his apostles
 "Ye have not chosen me, but I have ^achosen you, and
 ^bordained you"
- D&C 42:11
 Again I say unto you, that it shall not be given to any one to go
 forth to ^apreach my gospel, or to build up my church, except he
 be ^bordained by some one who has ^cauthority, and it is known

to the church that he has authority and has been regularly ordained by the heads of the church.

Called to service by receiving the Priesthood

- James E Faust
" We are called when hands are laid upon our heads and we are given the priesthood..." (Called and Chosen, Priesthood session General Conference Oct 2005)

Why are "few chosen"?

Answer the gospel call but do not keep the commandments

- Matt 22:1-14 Parable of the Marriage of the King's Son
"And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding ^agarment
And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.
Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into ^aouter darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
For many are ^acalled, but few *are* ^bchosen "
- Bruce R McConkie
"He had accepted the invitation (the gospel); joined with the true worshipers (come into the true Church); but had not put on the robes of righteousness (that is, had not worked out his salvation after baptism).
Many are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb, to the Church and kingdom of God on earth, but few are chosen for salvation in the kingdom of God in heaven, because they do not keep the commandments." (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, vol.1: 599)

Because of Sin

- D&C 121:34 – 40
- James E Faust
" We are called when hands are laid upon our heads and we are given the priesthood, but we are not chosen until we have demonstrated to God our righteousness, our faithfulness, and our commitment." (Called and Chosen, Priesthood session General Conference Oct 2005)

How are we then to act in our calling to be chosen?

- D&C 121:41-46