

# Make Your Calling and Election Sure

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*We are the product of our decisions (Don't Blame GOD). In simple terms, God gave us a free will, and He will not violate it. The Lord cannot be mocked! (Gal. 6:7,8). In Noah's day, the Church was reduced to 8 people, this is horrible but True. **Do you know that most of the people throughout Earth's History are in Hell right now, and that a great majority of people attending Churches today are not saved. They think they are because they have been deceived by the devil. This is hard to believe for most people but it is absolutely True! Did you know that because of Adam's Sin no one can enter Heaven. Adam's sinful blood flows within our bodies as well.***

***The Problem is SIN, Heaven is Perfect; Sin Cannot Exist There***

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: (Rom. 3:10)

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

(Is. 64:6)

*But God's Love was so great for us that He sacrificed His own Son against our Sin. Perfect innocence would pay the price (penalty) for the guilty (humanity). We cannot pay for our sin with good works (going to Church, paying our tithes, helping the poor, taking communion, sacrificing our lives for others, etc...); because we are sinners. We sin because we are sinners, we are not sinners because we sin.*

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (2 Cor. 5:21)

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. (Gal. 2:15,16,21)

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

**Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

(Titus 3:5-7)

*Without the proper understanding of the Word of God we are nothing but a social club! Again, in order for us to understand God's Word (The Bible) correctly, we need Two Things. The **WORD** and the **SPIRIT!** The Holy Spirit brings you a tangible and understandable experience with Jesus. The Word and Spirit work together, you can't have One without the Other! The Spirit without the Word will produce Doctrinal errors, and the Word without the Spirit will produce a dead lifeless Church not having the Life of Christ!*

**Let's Understand the WORD**

The WORD manifest's itself in Three ways. "**GRAPHE, LOGOS, and RHEMA**"

**GRAPHE;**

*Is the Printed Word (the Written Word). In actuality, the Greek word Graphe refers to the written Word. It's usually translated "writings" or "Scripture." You can place 100 Bibles around your house with a great big one on the coffee table for all to see, and yet never know the Author which is Jesus Christ!*

**Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.**

(John 5:39,40)

*Getting to know God begins by reading and understanding His Word (The Bible). Everything you ever wanted to know about God is found in the Bible. The entire Bible is the Testimony of Jesus Christ and His rescue mission of man.*

**All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.** (2 Tim. 3:16,17)

*Here's the problem; why the world and some so called Christians will miss Heaven and be in Hell! They read the Word (The GRAPHE) but it means nothing to them because of unbelief they are willfully Ignorant. They willfully refuse to believe the Word.*

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts (*in the Church*), And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. **For this they willingly are ignorant of**, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, **perished**: (2 Pet. 3:3-6)

*Wolves have Infiltrated God's Flock*

**But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. Woe to them!**

For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion. **These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.** (Jude 10-13) ESV

***The LOGOS;***

*Logos is a concept word in the Bible symbolic of the nature and function of Jesus Christ. It is also used to refer to the revelation of God in the world. **It is the Written Word revealed and understood.** One can read the Bible and not understand what it says (Graphe). It takes the Holy Spirit to reveal the Word to us correctly. To understand God's Word correctly, one must manifest a revelation from God. Simply put, **The Logos is the Living God (Word) revealed in the flesh** (John 1:1-14):*

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, **To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:** (Gal. 1:15,16)

**That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** (John 3:6)

***The RHEMA;***

*In the Bible, the Greek word Rhema (ῥῆμα) means "an utterance" or "thing said". A Rhema is a verse or portions of Scripture that the Holy Spirit brings to our attention with application to a current situation or need for direction. When God gives a word of knowledge, word of wisdom or a prophetic Word on healing, it becomes the Rhema that is filled with Spirit and life. The Rhema Word has within it, the spiritual seed that releases faith, life and power. Its fulfillment is accomplished through the operation of the Holy Spirit. Rhema is the Word heard when the Holy Spirit is speaking to our spirit. Examples; Simeon who saw the birth of the Messiah; Annunciation of Mary by the Angel; Noah's building of the Ark; Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac; and many more: In the Bible, both Logos and Rhema are only referred to as spoken.*

But I certify you, brethren, **that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.** (Gal. 1:11,12)

**Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.**

(Jer. 14:14)

And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: **and they were talking with Jesus.**

(Mark 9:4)

*An Experience with JESUS can Only Come through the Logos or Rhema Word: The Born Again experience can only manifest itself through the LOGOS and RHEMA Word! The purpose of the Born Again experience is to know Jesus intimately, like you would your mother, your father, your best friend etc. Knowing about Him will not save you (The GRAPHE), you must know Him personally. He must reveal Himself to you!*

***Most of the Church is Living a Christ Less Christianity***

*Many in the so called Church today are religious and not Born Again! A drunk is in a better situation than these, because a drunk realizes he's wrong and not right with God. But a religious person does not realize they're not right with God and self deceives himself. There's no doubt satan has blinded their minds along the way. Formal religion has taken the place of believing faith and understanding the Word of God!*

**But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.**

(2 Cor. 3:14)

**In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.** (2 Cor. 4:4)

***Believers and Make Believers***

*Let's begin by saying; The Bible is our Foundation. It is Absolute Truth from God, anything or anyone that contradicts it is a liar! It is our guide to instruction and correction in the righteousness of God through the HOLY SPIRIT! The problem is, some believe and others think they believe! **God Gave Us a Severe Warning;***

**Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 'Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 'And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'** (Matt. 7:21-23) NASB

*Keep in mind these were called Christians, the New Testament is written to Christians, not the un-believers (world)! Jesus is addressing Church folk here. In this chapter (Matt. 7): Jesus talked about hypocrites, He talked about giving holy things to dogs, and pearls to swine, He talked about the straight and narrow gate, and how a good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and closed by saying; foolish men build their houses upon the sand! As He spoke these words the crowds were amazed at His teaching, for He taught as one having Authority and not as the scribes.*

***Notice Jesus Did Not Call Them Liars*** (Matt. 7:22) *“they really did those things”*  
*But there was something about what they were doing that was totally wrong and insulted the Lord! The Lord sounded very angry and insulted when He declared;*  
***“I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.”***

*These people appeared to be Christian but in reality were fakes, relying on their self works, their carnal nature instead of the Holy Spirit. They had no true relationship with Jesus Christ! They were like actors on a play willing to receive the applause of men. They were self deceived. One thing is someone lying to you, but it is quite another when you lie to yourself. The real issue is not what people think of you, but what is really important is what God thinks about you. We must pray and meditate asking God what He thinks about us. Don't worry about the opinion of people. Most of them are more messed up than you are. Showing God your good works is not a sign of a True disciple. A True disciple is known by his obedience to the will of God.*

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?** (Matt. 16:24-26)

***Some believe and others think they believe!***

*True disciples hear God's voice. Someone who says they're saved but lives the life of the un-saved is a liar. I'm not talking about a slip-up or a momentary failure, I'm talking about a constant unrepentant lifestyle. Someone who says the right thing but refuses to act it out. They know what the Word says, but refuse to obey it. Make believers are very good actors, sometimes their disobedience is so subtle that they are able to keep an appearance of a Christian disciple (2 Tim. 3:5).*

*Having your name on a Church roll means nothing. Names on church rolls don't save people, good works don't save people, water baptism don't save people, taking communion don't save people, etc...*

*Remember God said; **"You will know them by their Fruit!"** (Matt. 7:16-21)*

**Ye shall know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so **every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.** Wherefore **by their fruits ye shall know them. 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.** (Matt. 7:16-21)

**This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.** (Matt. 15:8,9)

*What does it mean; **"to know them by their Fruit?"***

*Faith without works is the profile of the un-believer. They go to church, sometimes even tithe, but refuse to do the Word of God on a daily bases. They think a great deal of themselves. They know what needs to change in their lives but the devil continually deceives them by not listening to what the Holy Spirit is telling them. I've known people who have been in Church for many years even in leadership, but have not changed into the image of Christ. Anything we place above God is an idol. God must be first choice in our lives.*

***"There Must be a Change of Character"***

*You cannot continue to live out that same old sinful life style!*

Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature: old things are passed away;** behold, **all things are become new.** (2 Cor. 5:17)

**A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.** (Ezek. 36:26,27)

*1 John Tells Us; (His Talking to Believers Here!)*

*If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth;*

**If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:6-9) NIV

*Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;*

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?  
**He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.** (Psa. 24:3,4)

*And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments;*

And hereby **we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.** (1 John 2:3-6)

**We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.**

**And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life. Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts.** (1 John 5:18-21) NLT

And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

**Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not:**

**whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.** Little children, **let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning.** For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that **he might destroy the works of the devil.** **Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.** (1 John 3:5-10)

*But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness;*

He that saith he is in the light, **and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.** **He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.** (1 John 2:9-11)

**And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.** (1 John 4:16)

If a man say, **I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?**

(1 John 4:20)

**But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?** Little children, **let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.** (1 John 3:17,18) ESV

*Love does not mean to Tolerate or Excuse Sin!*

**“Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.** (Matt. 7:6) ESV

When I wrote to you before, **I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols.** You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that.

**I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people. It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning.** God will judge those on the outside; **but as the Scriptures say, "You must remove the evil person from among you."** (1 Cor. 5:9-13) NLT

**"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself. "Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling block before him, he will die. Since you did not warn him, he will die for his sin. The righteous things he did will not be remembered, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the righteous man not to sin and he does not sin, he will surely live because he took warning, and you will have saved yourself."** (Ezek. 3:17-21) NIV

*Do Not Love the World;*

*The word World here does not refer to God's beautiful creation (Mountains, Rivers, Lakes, Rain Forests, etc... it refers to the world system which satan controls. Governments, Politics, News Media, Education, etc... The evil things in the World!*

**Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.** (1 John 2:15-17) NLT

*Letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death, But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace;*

**So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)**

(Rom. 8:6-9) NLT

*I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord;*

Yea doubtless, and **I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection**, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. (Phil. 3:8-11)