

## ARE YOU CHOSEN OF GOD?

Being chosen by God is a higher calling than simply being saved, Matthew 22:14. Jesus said, ***“Many are called, but few are chosen.”*** James 2:20 says, ***“Faith without works is dead.”*** It involves diligence, approval, and bearing fruit, as exemplified in the parable of the wedding and in the teachings of Jesus and Paul. In 2 Timothy 2:15, the Apostle Paul says, ***“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*** In Greek, the word approved means to be accepted. Jesus says in Mark 16:16 and 17, ***“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;”*** Becoming the chosen of God is more than simply saying, ***“I am saved.”*** It is a higher calling.