

You Will Gain The Glory Of Our Lord Jesus!

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➤ Intro:

- **illus.: king gives glory to a few of his subjects**
 - a king wanted to be merciful to his subjects one day
 - he **decided** to have a **wedding feast for his son**, and **everyone who came would share in his son's glory**, elevated above all the other citizens who hadn't responded to his invitation
 - **as the wedding feast approached, the king sent slaves** throughout his kingdom, and invited all the citizen to come
 - **some people ignored the slaves**, others said they had **business** to attend to, some **killed** the king's slaves, but **a few responded to the invitation** and went to the feast
 - **after all the people arrived, the king told them, "I've chosen you to be of highest rank in all my kingdom, you shall share the glory of my son, and be joint-heirs with him, forever!"**
 - **later, all the people who hadn't responded to the invitation heard** what had happened, and **went to the king, begging to be one of the chosen, to share in the glory of the king**
 - **but because they hadn't answered the invitation, and come to the feast, they were turned away, and lived as peasants** for the rest of their lives – **the remainder of their lives were spent mourning and weeping, wishing they had gone to the feast** (similar to parable of weddings and wedding feasts in the Bible)
- **God has chosen to be merciful to those whom He's called, and will give them the glory of His Son, Jesus Christ**
 - **Are you one of the chosen?**

➤ God calls us through the gospel

- **2 Th. 2:14a** God calls us through the gospel
 - **1 Th. 2:13** we **believe the word** of God, and it **performs it's work** in us
 - **2 Th. 1:8** we must **obey the gospel** or we'll be **punished** for eternity (**Heb. 5:9**)
 - **Jn. 12:48** we will be **judged by the word**
- **What does God call us to do?**
 - **calls us to come out of a life of sin, by obeying Jesus, whereby we become members of His church**
 - *ekklesia*, the called out - the assembly of those who have responded to God's call
 - **Acts 2:38, 41, 47** received word (God's call), **baptized, added to church** (their number)
 - **1 Cor. 12:13** by one Spirit, **baptized into one body**
- **illus.: king sent his slaves into his kingdom to call his subjects**
 - **God calls us through the gospel** – preached by Jesus, afterward delivered to men by the Spirit
 - **if you have answered the call, you are one of the chosen**

➤ **You were saved through. . . (2 things)**

- **2 Th. 2:13b** saved through sanctification by the Spirit – **God’s part**

- **sanctification:** consecration and purification, and the resulting effect – holy, set apart
 - **Heb. 13:12** Jesus sanctifies us with His blood
- **when we obey the gospel, God sanctifies us through the Holy Spirit** – with the blood of Christ
 - **Acts 2:38** when baptized, gift of the Holy Spirit
 - **Acts 22:16** when baptized, sins washed away (**Rev. 7:14**) – blood, HS sanctifies
 - **Rom. 6:3, 22** baptized into Christ, freed from sin, enslaved to God, sanctified
 - **Tit. 3:5** God saves us, “washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit”
 - **Eph. 5:26** church sanctified by Jesus, washed with the word of God – obey

- **2 Th. 2:13b** saved through faith in the truth – **our part - 2 Th. 2:12**

- **when we have faith in the truth (Jn. 17:17 word = truth), we obey God, and are saved**
 - **Heb. 11** faith that obeys God, without which it’s impossible to please Him
 - **Ja. 2:19** not the faith of demons – disobedient
 - **Rom. 10:17** faith, hearing, word of God – that by which God calls us (**2 Th. 2:14**)
 - **Col. 2:13** faith in God, so when baptized – buried and raised with Christ, made alive together with Christ, forgiven
 - **Jn. 17:17** we are sanctified in truth – when we obey the truth – blood, HS sanctifies

- **illus.: king called his subjects to the feast, those who believed and responded, he set apart (sanctified, holy) in his kingdom**

- **God call us through the gospel, those who believe and respond, He sanctifies through the Holy Spirit, with the blood of Jesus Christ**

- **1 Pet. 1:1b-2a** chosen, foreknowledge of God, sanctifying with of the Spirit, obey Jesus, sprinkled with His blood

➤ **You will gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

- obey gospel, result in eternal glory in heaven

- **2 Th. 2:14** called, gain the glory of our Lord Jesus
- **Tit. 2:11, 12, 13** salvation, instruction. . . , blessed hope, appearing of Christ
- **Col. 3:4** when Christ revealed, we’ll be revealed with Him in glory
 - **1 Pet. 5:1** be partakers of the glory that is to be revealed
 - **1 Pet. 5:4** will receive the unfading crown of glory

- this is a motivating factor in our lives

- **Eph. 1:18** heart enlightened, hope of His calling, riches of the glory of His inheritance
- **Eph. 3:16** strengthened with power, inner man, according to the riches of God’s glory
 - **Eph. 3:21** result: the church is glorious, the church glorifies God
- **2 Tim. 2:10** (reason Paul endured all things to preach) obtain salvation, eternal glory.”

- We have glory today, as God’s church (**Eph. 3:21; 5:27**). But the eternal heavenly glory that awaits us is so great, it’s inexpressible by human tongue (**2 Cor. 12:4**).

- as a Christian, you’ve responded to God’s call, been sanctified by the Holy Spirit with Jesus’ blood, have glory as a member of Christ’s church, and have unimaginable glory awaiting you in heaven

➤ **Your responsibility: hold to the traditions!**

- **2 Th. 2:15** hold the apostolic traditions in the Bible
- **2 Th. 3:6-7** follow apostolic example, withdraw from brethren who don't
- **2 Th. 3:14** obey apostolic instructions, not associate with brethren who don't

- remain faithful – keep self pure
- **1 Cor. 15:2** hold fast to the word
- **Rev. 2:10** faithful until death
- **1 Pet. 3:15** by sanctifying Jesus in your hearts
 - Jesus sanctified us with His blood - we sanctify Him in our hearts
- **1 Th. 4:3-4, 7** having been sanctified, keep yourself pure

➤ **Summary / Inv.**

- Are you one of the chosen?
 - Have you've responded to God's call, through obedience to His word? - **1 Pet. 3:21**
 - Have you been sanctified through the Holy Spirit with the blood of Jesus Christ? - baptized
 - Are you faithfully serving God? - holding the apostolic traditions, holding fast to the word, faithful till death, keeping yourself pure

- If you are one of God's chosen, you have glory from God as a member of His church, and have imaginable glory awaiting you in heaven.

- **inv.** if you're not one of God's chosen. . . . if you've not been faithful. . . .