

Matthew 22:14

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Several years ago, I heard a prophetic word given to young woman at a church I was attending. In that word the woman was told, "Many are called, but you daughter have been chosen." Was this truly a word from the throne room, or a personal word given by the speaker, only God knows? I am fully aware that God can do anything He wants. In **Acts 9:15**, the Lord told Ananias to go to Paul in Damascus and to tell him, **"Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;**

"For many are called, but few are chosen," is clearly telling us that the Lord has called many people to Him, but that only a few choose Him back as well. **Isaiah 53:12** tells us, **"Yet He Himself bore the sins of many."** Jesus did not die for the sins of all mankind; He died for the sins of those who would choose Him as their Lord and Savior. If Jesus had died for the sins of all mankind, then all of mankind would go to heaven and none to hell. If you find this difficult to hear, then consider **John 11:43** **And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth."** When Jesus called Lazarus from the grave, he called Him by name. Had Jesus simply called forth for Lazarus without calling him by name, then everyone who was dead would have been raised as well.

I personally believe that the greatest gift God ever gave man outside of His Son was the gift to choose. The Lord does not make anyone follow Him and **Acts 10:34** tells us this as well, **Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:** So if God has given us free will and He is not a respecter of persons, then the responsibility of choosing Jesus as our Lord and Savior belongs to you and me. In fact, the Lord shows the seriousness and consequences of this in **Deuteronomy 30:19** **"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants.**

Choosing Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior is the greatest decision you will ever make! Our Heavenly Father did everything that needed to be done for you and me to enter with Him into eternity. But we must each do what He has required as well. None of us will go to heaven on our own good works. Mr. Buffet gave I believe around thirty billion dollars to charity, and one of his comments was, "There are many ways to enter into heaven, this is only one of them." Mr. Buffet is mistaken, there is only one way to enter, and that is through the blood of Jesus Christ. You can't make it on your terms. You won't make it through your religion, parents, pastor, denomination, finances, good works, good looks or anything outside of Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. So surrender your life to Him today, and settle this once and for all!! If you know the truth, and have never given your life to Jesus, what are you waiting for? Once you have taken your last breath, it is settled for all of eternity. God gave you His best with sending His Son, so now it's your opportunity to give back to Him your very best.