

# How Do You Know You Are Among God's Chosen?

## *A Study Outline*

- I. How do we know who are the saints? There is only one criterion: ***God's holy spirit must be within the person.***
  - A. II Corinthians 13:5. Jesus Christ is in you except you be reprobates.
  - B. Romans 8:7-11, The carnal mind is enmity against God and is not subject to the law of God; with the spirit of Christ in you, the Father will also raise you up.
  - C. Galatians 4:4-7. Because we are sons, God has sent forth His spirit into our hearts.
  - D. I Peter 1:10-11. The spirit of Christ is in the saints.
  - E. I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20. We are the temple of God, and the spirit dwells in us.
  
- II. How do the saints receive the spirit of God? ***Through a specific calling and choosing by the Father to become His Sons, and through baptism and the laying on of hands.*** Receiving that spirit is ***a gift*** that cannot be purchased. (Compare Acts 2:38 with Acts 8:18-22.) Neither can a person receive it of his own power. It can only be given by the Father. [Note: When the spirit of God is given it is given in full *measure*: all or nothing. John 3:34; 1:16. *Measure* (Strong 3358) = *metron*, "a measure, literally or figuratively; by implication a limited portion or degree." Our full expression of its power is only limited by our human nature suppressing its complete function, which function we will have when spirits.']
  - A. Matthew 3:13-17. Jesus gave us the example of baptism.
  - B. Matthew 20:16; 22:14. Many are called but few are chosen.
  - C. Mark 13:19-20. For the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.
  - D. I Corinthians 1:26-29. God has chosen the foolish, the weak, and the base things of this world that no flesh should glory.
  - E. Ephesians 1:4-5. We were chosen before the foundation of the world.
  - F. Acts 2:38-41. Repent, be baptized, and receive the gift of the holy spirit.
  - G. James 2:5. God has chosen the poor of this world who are rich in faith to be heirs of the Kingdom.
  - H. I Peter 2:1-9. We have been chosen to receive an inheritance that is incorruptible.
  - I. Revelation 17:14. Those that are with the Lamb are called and chosen and faithful.
  - J. Hebrews 6:1-2. The doctrines of Christ include baptism and the laying on of hands.
  - K. Acts 8:14-17. The people had hands laid on them. and received the holy spirit.
  - L. Acts 9:17-18. Paul had hands laid on him and received the holy spirit.
  - M. Acts 19:1-6. At Ephesus Paul baptized disciples and laid hands on them.
  - N. I Timothy 4:14. Gifts of the spirit come with the laying on of hands.
  - O. II Timothy 1:6-7. God's gift if given by the laying on of hands.
  - P. John 6:44. No man can come to Christ except the Father that sent Christ draw him.
  
- III. Those that are called and chosen of God will be known by their ***fruits!*** They will be doing the will of the Father, as did Jesus Christ.
  - A. John 4:19; 5:30. Jesus Christ was committed to doing the will of the Father.
  - B. Matthew 7:15-20. Every good tree brings forth good fruit; you will know them by their

fruits.

- C. Galatians 5:22-25. The fruits of God's spirit are in those that possess His spirit.
  - D. Psalm 1:1-3; 119:97-104. The spirit of God in the saints will cause them to love and perform God's laws.
  - E. Deuteronomy 5:12-15. The Sabbath is one of those commands that we love to fulfill.
  - F. Exodus 31:13-17. The Sabbath is a sign unto His people forever.
  - G. Hebrews 8:10-11. God's laws are internal for the saints, a manifestation of the operation of the holy spirit placed within them.
  - H. Romans 12:10; Galatians 6:10. There will be a natural preference to be with, and serve, God's people.
- IV. In summary, you are among God's Sons, the saints, if the following are true in your life:
- A. *You have been called and chosen by the Father to be an eternal spirit in His future government on earth.***
  - B. *You have received the gift of God's spirit through baptism and the laying on of hands.***
  - C. *You are actively expressing the fruits of the spirit of God living within you, in response to desiring to please the One who has called you.***