

THREE CHOICES OF GOD FOUND IN MATTHEW 22:1-14

- Choice of God number 1** **God chose Israel for the task of sending out the invitation.
Israel's prophets and apostles and servants give the invitation.
Verses 1-8**
- Choice of God number 2** **God chose to send the invitation first to Israel and then to Gentiles.
The invitation goes to good and bad alike. Verses 9,10**
- Choice of God number 3** **God chooses to allow entrance only to those clothed properly.
Only those who believe Jesus and receive eternal life gain entrance.
Jesus makes righteous those who believe. Verses 11-14**

In God's choices one and two, many are called, many are invited.

In God's choice number 3, few are chosen. Who are the few chosen? The few who are chosen represent those who respond freely to the invitation by the King through His unconditionally chosen servants. The few who are chosen are chosen on condition of their belief in Jesus resulting in their receiving eternal life through regeneration (new birth).

In John 15:16, Jesus says to the disciples who deliver the invitation, "You did not choose me; I chose you." This statement has nothing to do with God's choice number 3 to choose those who freely believe. Whoever cooperates with the Spirit and freely believes that Jesus is willing and able to save them from sin receives eternal life.

John 1:12 "as many as received Him"

John 3:16 "whoever believes in Him"

Romans 10:9 "believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead"

Galatians 2:16 "we have believed in Christ Jesus"

John 3:18 "he who believes in Him is not judged"

Proverbs 3:5 "trust in the LORD with all your heart"

John 5:24 "he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life"