

A hand is shown from the top right, holding a white ballot with the word "Jesus" written on it in black, serif font. The ballot is being inserted into a white ballot box with a red base. The background is a plain, light gray.

Jesus

The Divine Election
Matthew 22:1-14



Some people feel that their
one vote doesn't matter.

**EVERY VOTE
MATTERS.**

In history, one vote has made
a difference various times.

The Divine Election – “The Elect”

- **Matthew 22:14** - ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are **chosen**.
- The original Koine Greek word for chosen in this passage is **ἐκλεκτός**
- Pronunciation - ek-lek-to's
- **ἐκλεκτός** – picked out, chosen, chosen by God, to obtain salvation through Christ.

Christians – “Chosen” or “Elect” of God

- **Matthew 24:24** - For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the **elect**.
- **Luke 18:7** - And will not God give justice to his **elect**, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?
- **2 Timothy 2:10** - Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the **elect**, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The Importance of the Divine Election

1. Jesus is Calling You to His Kingdom
2. We Will Cast a Single Vote - For or Against Jesus
3. Elections Have Consequences
4. Your Choice/Vote Determines Your Eternity

Jesus Is Calling You to His Kingdom

- **Matthew 22:1-3** - And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.



Follow the Example of Paul

- **1 Corinthians 9:19-23** - ¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Remember the Great Commission

- **Mark 16:15-16** - ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

You Are an Ambassador For Christ

- **2 Corinthians 5:20** - ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

We Will Cast a Single Vote – For or Against Jesus

- **Matthew 22:4-6** - ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, “Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”” ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them.

Satan's Persuasion and Deception

- **2 Corinthians 11:3** - ³ But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.
- **2 Corinthians 11:14-15** - And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

Set Your Mind on Christ

- **Colossians 3:1-2** - If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
- **1 Peter 5:8** - Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- **James 4:8** - Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Elections Have Consequences

- **Matthew 22:7-10** - The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

Hell Was Not Created for Humans

- **Matthew 25:41** - ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
- **Revelation 20:10** - and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Punishment for Rejecting the Call of the King

- **Galatians 6:7-8** - ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
- **Matthew 25:45-46** - ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, “Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Answering the Call of Jesus the King

- **John 21:31-32** - Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

Your Choice/Vote Determines Your Eternity

- **Matthew 22:11-14** - ¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Are You Clothed in Christ?

- **Galatians 3:26-27** - ²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (NIV)
- **Mark 16:16** - ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Make Sure Your Calling/Election is Secure

- **1 Peter 2:10-11** - ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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