



**Being chosen by Jesus is two -pronged: it is a great privilege and it is the beginning of a great persecution. – Dale Bruner**

- 1) We will face opposition, feel awkward and out of place in this world. Even rejection. There is our persecution... the pressure we can never fully escape.
- 2) We are invested with a special sense of purpose and meaning to our lives.

Vs 27 We are Empowered by the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to the world-- through our words, our prayers, our deeds.

Vs 19— **“I have chosen you out of the world.”** Everything else flows out of this key reality.

It helps explain both the tension and the wonder— the cost and the reward of following Jesus.

#### ❖ **THE COST**

- Following Jesus puts us into an irreconcilable tension with the world around us.
- US vs THEM – The Pharisees and The Sadducees

**We are called to be different-- to STAND OUT—TO SHINE... in a way that REFLECTS Jesus to the WORLD.**

#### ❖ **THE REWARD**

- Following Jesus OUT OF THIS WORLD
  - We inherit Jesus’ depth of purpose and meaning in life.
  - His MEANING was expressed in His MISSION

**Jesus said-- John 6:38 **For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.****

**Jesus’ MISSION was to bring the world back to the Father.**

When Jesus says , “I have called you out of the world” he doesn’t just mean we are different by the things we don’t do--but we are different by what we are committed to.

**Vs. 26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.**

The Spirit fills us in the same way the Spirit filled Jesus investing in Jesus profound meaning, purpose and the power to live it out.

**FIRST:** The Spirit gives us a profound sense of intimacy with GOD.

**SECONDLY:** The Spirit empowers us to reveal Jesus to others.

**Vs. 27—and YOU ALSO MUST Testify... This is Jesus’ MISSION and this is yours.**

**When Jesus calls us OUT OF THIS WORLD He calls us INTO HIS WORLD... HIS PURPOSE, HIS MEANING, HIS PRIORITIES.**

**John 20:21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”**