

CHOSEN AND ORDAINED – John 15:13-16

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¹³ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ **Ye are my friends**, if ye do whatsoever I command you. ¹⁵ Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: **but I have called you friends**; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. ¹⁶ **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you**, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Friend - G5384 - philos

Properly *dear*, that is, a *friend*; actively *fond*, that is, *friendly* (still as a noun, an *associate*, *neighbor*, etc.): - friend.

For his friends "In behalf of his friends" and so "in place of his friends."
"Self-sacrifice is the high-water mark of love"

I have called you friends - permanent state of new dignity. They will prove worthy of it by continued obedience to Christ as Lord, by being good *douloi*. Abraham was called the Friend of God - James 2:23. Are we friends of Christ?

Chosen - G1586 eklegomai

to *select*: - make choice, choose (out), chosen, to pick out, choose, to pick or choose out for one's self, choosing one out of many, i.e. Jesus choosing his disciples, choosing one for an office, of God choosing whom he judged fit to receive his favours and separated from the rest of mankind to be peculiarly his own and to be attended continually by his gracious oversight of God the Father choosing Christians, as those whom he set apart from the irreligious multitude as dear unto himself, and whom he has rendered, through faith in Christ, citizens in the Messianic kingdom: so that the ground of the choice lies in Christ and his merits only.

Call - G3004 - Lego - to say, to speak, affirm over, maintain, to teach, to exhort, advise, to command, direct, to point out with words, intend, mean, mean to say, to call by name, to call, name, to speak out, speak of, mention

Ordained - G5087 - tithēmi

to *place* (in the widest application, literally and figuratively; properly in a passive or horizontal posture, and thus different from G2476, which properly denotes an upright and active position, while G2749 is properly reflexive and utterly prostrate): - + advise, appoint, bow, commit, conceive, give, X kneel down, lay (aside, down, up), make, ordain, purpose, put, set (forth), settle, sink down.

Servants - G1401 - doulos

From G1210; a *slave* (literally or figuratively, involuntarily or voluntarily; frequently therefore in a qualified sense of *subjection* or *subserviency*): - bond (-man), servant. (*doulous*). Bond-servants, slaves.