

The Christian and the Call of God (2)

Introduction

A. No one could ever guess the extent of the greatness of God. In the Bible He instructs us in His greatness by reminding us that He made the universes. From the Scriptures we know that God is unlimited in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

B. It is also beyond the grasp of our imagination to believe, if we did not have the Bible, that God would speak to us. However, this is exactly what we are taught. God has spoken to us and He has called the believer into a living relationship with Himself.

I. The Reality of the Believer's Call.

Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ} to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called saints Romans 1:6,7

But the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. I Peter 5:10

Jude the servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ and called. Jude 1

Observation: It is indeed true! The Christian is one who has been called by God to enter into a relationship with Himself that involves such implications of value and blessing that it is beyond human comprehension. What an amazing privilege to be called by God.

II. The Explanation of the Believer's Call.

Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called, and whom He called, them He also justified, and whom He justified, them He also glorified. Rom. 8:30

That ye would walk (live) worthy of God, Who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory. I Thess. 2:12

Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called? James 2:7

Observation: Why God has called us, i.e., why God chose me, is not revealed in the Bible. This is the great subject of predestination about which we know so little. If God did not choose and call us, then we would not have responded to Him, for no man of himself seeks after God. (Rom. 3:11) He did call, we did respond, and now we are His people.

III. The Nature of the Believer's Call

But when it pleased God, Who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace Galatians 1:15

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus. Hebrews 3:1

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. I Peter 2:9

Observation: This wonderful call of God is based entirely in His mercy and grace toward us. It is indeed a spiritual call from heaven and the result is that we have been brought out of darkness into light.

IV. The Assurance of the Believer's Call.

And that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had afore prepared unto glory, even us, whom He hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles. Romans 9:23,24

But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1:24

And for this cause, He is the Mediator of the new testament (covenant), that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. Hebrews 9:15

Observation: These verses remind us that we are not called because we are meritorious. To all whom God has called is given mercy, glory, power, wisdom and an eternal inheritance.

V. The Goal, of the Believer's Call.

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.. .that no flesh should glory in His presence. I Corinthians 1:26,29

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body, and be ye thankful. Colossians 3:15

For even hereunto **were ye** called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps. I Peter 2:21

Observation: We have been called to live for God's glory. It is the plan of God that Jesus Christ would be glorified in all things. The believer is honored by being included in that project.

VI. The Responsibility of the Believer's Call.

But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation (daily life). II Peter 1:15

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure II Peter 1:10

Observation: It is important that the believer live with assurance and in holiness. Without this our lives will be largely ineffectual.

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