

THE CALLING OF GOD

I. The High Calling of God, Phil. 3:14

A. Salvation in Christ Jesus

1. I Peter 2:9, "Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

2. From "not a people" to become

"the people of God", Hosea 1:10, "Lo-Ammi"

3. From those "which had not obtained mercy" to

thoue who "have now obtained mercy", Hos. 1:6, 7
"Lo-Ruhamah" --- "Ruhamah"

B. God's Part in our salvation

1. He loved us with an everlasting love

2. He gave His only Begotten Son

C. Our Part in our salvation

1. Repent

2. Believe

D. Our wonderful Position as Sons of God in Christ

1. Sonship in the Family of God

2. Joint Heir with Christ

II. God's Holy Calling

1 Tim. 1:9, "Who hath ... called us with a holy calling"

1. This leads us into the person and ministry of the Third Person of the Trinity, The Holy Spirit

2. This is a Holy Calling because it originates in the Holy Spirit.

3. This is a Holy Calling because it leads us to be partakers of the nature of a Holy God.

a. The Historical Pentecost & Spiritual Pentecost, like the Historical Bethlehem & the personal, spiritual experience of Bethlehem by faith.

b. Remember, we are living on this side of Pentecost

c. We do not need to wait on the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit is waiting on us.

B. Sanctification or Consecration.

1. Its meaning, "to be set apart for God."

2. Its implication - Separation, II Cor. 6:17.

3. Its Realization in us.

a. Through the Spirit of Christ

b. Through our yielding to Him.

4. Its Result

a. Power for holy living, I Thes. 4:7

b. Power for effective service, Acts 1:8

III. Our HEAVENLY Calling

Heb. 3:1, "Partakers of the heavenly calling"

A. This passage is connected with the Priesthood of Xt, and it reminds us of the Responsibility of our calling

1. As partakers of the heavenly calling (v.1), we are also partakers of Christ (v.4).

2. Christ is the Great High Priest, but every believer is a priest, (Rev. 1:6 and 5:10)

3. Concerning the priesthood of the O.T.

a. They were to have no anxiety regarding their own provision.

b. They were never to carry a burden, see Num. 4.

"Rolling off all your cares onto Him", Peter

B. The Call to Salvation and Sanctification is also a Call to Service and Stewardship.

1. The Obligations of service

a. The word "Duty" is found only 7 times in the Bible

b. Twice in Chronicles and Ezra, of the priests in their holy joy before the Lord in connection with their service.

c. Lk. 17:10, "We have done that which was our duty to do" - which we owe out of gratitude.

d. Rom. 15:27, in regard to stewardship, returning what we owe to others & to our Lord.

e. Thus the Bible use of the word "duty" involves in every single act a high and holy privilege.

2. The privilege of service

3. The Avenues of service

4. The Joys of service

C. What Can you give Him?

1. Your bodies, "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, Rom. 12:1,2.

2. Your property, "a living sacrifice, acceptable to God", Phil. 4:18.

3. Your Praises, "a living sacrifice, acceptable to God," Heb. 13:15,16.

IV. Calling unto God's Kingdom and Glory, I Thes. 2:1

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A. Future glorification, The believer's Prospect.

B. Use of word "Kingdom" in Bible.

1. God's Sovereignty

2. Our Submission.

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