

The Upward Call of God

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Ephesians 4:1

“...walk in a manner worthy of the calling...”

Paul understood the calling of God on his life.

Galatians 1:15 “... He who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by His grace,”

Acts 9:15-16 “... he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles ...”

Romans 1:1 “Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,”

Romans 1:7 “To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints ...”

1 Corinthians 1:1 “Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus ...”

Ephesians 4:1 “... a prisoner for the Lord ...”

Philippians 3:13-14 “...I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Paul learned the Sovereign call of God on His people.

📖 Romans 8:29-30

Church: “ekklesia - from ek, ‘out of,’ and klesis, ‘a calling’ (kaleo, ‘to call’) ... summoned for a definite purpose, ...”¹

“The church in the New Testament is made up of those who are called out from the world, from darkness, from damnation, from paganism, to become members of the body of Christ.”²

Acts 2:39 “For this promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.”

📖 1 Peter 2:9-12

God calls His people into action according to His plan and purpose!

❖ The Call of God to Abram ... *Genesis 12:1-4*

❖ The Call of God to Moses ... *Exodus 3:4-12*

❖ The Call of God to Jeremiah ... *Jeremiah 1:4-8*

❖ The Call of Jesus to His disciples ... *Matthew 10:1-8*

❖ The Call of our Lord to us!

2 Timothy 1:8-12 “...Our Lord...who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace...”

Ephesians 1:1 “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.”

Endnotes:

¹ Vine, W.E. *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words*. Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers, 1997.

² Sproul, R. C. *The Purpose of God: Ephesians*. Fearn, Scotland: Christian Focus, 1994. Print.

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