

UNDERSTANDING THE CALL OF GOD—Ps Kevin

People working out what is the call of God for their life

Others use to walk in the call of god but things have choked and cluttered the life out of the call

1 John 1:9 if we confess our sins we can still be forgiven and get back in track with our calling

2011 clean out our well - getting back to full devotion to Christ

Peter pan was never meant to grow up, meant to live in Neverland - but he

does and is disabled by the things of this world and he has forgotten what he was called to do, fly and play etc

Call of God is for every believer - discovering what we will do through out eternity but an expression here on earth that is outworked in the church

Romans 8:28 we tend to forget the second part - who have been called according to his purpose

WHAT IS THE CALL?

Matt 22:37-39 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and the second is like it love your neighbor as yourself

The call of God looks different in different seasons of your life - expression of the call changes

5 Step Process of the outworking of the Call of God

Rom 8:29-30 this is where it came from

He Predestined you

1. Foreknew—God know you before he created you, Before you were ever conceived and came into this world God already know you.

2. Predestined—God has a plan and purpose for the life he gave you to steward here on earth. Eg Prodigal son—inheritance & blessing

3. Called—out of the darkness of sin to be separated unto God

4. Justified—through Jesus sacrifice for our sins on the cross I can ask forgiveness & God the father forgives me through Jesus gift of salvation. Once I receive Christ through his blood I am justified—just like I have never sinned.

5. Glorified—As a work of His spirit in us we are transformed into the image of Christ, from glory to glory. We should be changing every year for the better if our connection with God is real. This is the role of the church lead by Jesus spirit.

All things work together for good - if you are in his plan and purpose

UNDERSTANDING THE CALL OF GOD

The calling of God forms the foundations of your life in God. There are three things you need to know about his call upon your life. The bible says that you have been called

1. From the foundations of the world

Ephesians 1:4-5

Prodigal son - father had predestined that the son would stay on and step into his inheritance - but the son didn't want that.

In the end the son came back and into where his father had predestined him to be

God has predestined you but you still have to walk into it

Our call starts in eternity and it accumulates in eternity - but for a short time it is shown on earth.

Ps Wayne - Devine design room

A car - when is it a reality? - on the showroom floor or in the engineer/design phase - in the engineer/design phase it just takes faith through action to get to the next stage

The Call is from the foundation

2. To be separated unto him

1 Peter 2:9 called from DARKNESS to LIGHT

When you sit in darkness you don't have vision - all you can see is me, me, me. That is the reality of the world we all lived in until we came to Christ.

We are called to;

- Belong to Christ (Rom 1:6)
- Into Fellowship with Christ (1 Cor 1:9)
- To Eternal Life (1 Tim 6:12)



- To Hope (Eph 1:18, 4:4) - 7pm project - Atheist.. void in community!
- To Peace (Col 3:15)
- To Be FREE (Gal 5:13)
- To Obedience (Rom 1:5)
- Into Holiness (1 Cor 1:2, 1 Thess 4:7, 1 Pet 15-16)
- To Blessing (1 Pet 3:9)
- To Persecution (1 Pet 2:19-21)
- Into an Eternal Inheritance (Heb 9:15)

Into God's Glory (1 Thess 2:12, 2 Thess 2:13-14, 1 Pet 5:10)

3. To fulfill His purpose

The call of God is about the purpose of God.. God calls and our response should be Yes Lord what did you call me for? What would you like me to do?

Mission - To partner with the Holy Spirit to lead people to become fully devoted followers of Christ! Our aim is to listen to the Father's call, to recognize his voice & then simply walk in obedience to it. When God calls - do we respond?

Eph 1:9-10 things on heaven and earth under the headship of Christ

So if God has called every single believer in Christ why don't we have an army of faithful followers?

Eph 4 Need to live our lives worthy of the call

We must live a life worthy of our call - if we are going to put our hands up & say we are ones who love the lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul & strength and the love our neighbours as ourselves. The God hold us to account on being his ambassadors.

Keys to staying worthy of the CALL

1. Be completely gentle & humble - when are full of yourself and arrogance & pride you are automatically disqualified.
2. Be Patient, bearing with one another in love - don't be in a rush,
3. Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace - do not entertain gossip.

Do you know why God calls us? It's out of love for His creation and not wanting to see any perish by all to come to repentance.

He Calls us because:

- The World is in darkness - (1John5:19)
- People are in need (Matt 9:36)
- The Time is Short (John 4:35; 9:4)

I believe everything is in place - society has rejected God just as it did in the days of Noah. Wickedness is as bad now as it was then, leaders are no longer leading well, the fabric of our society is coming apart through a complete lack of respect for authority.

No God—no fear of judgment and accountability

No fear of God—no respect for leaders and life—we are all our own gods

No respect for life—values and morals diminish till anarchy becomes the norm as people spiral towards a Christ less eternity

And that is why God **calls** His people to stand up and be counted.