

HAVE YOU BEEN CALLED?

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

All true Christian experience has its origin in the call of God.

We are called to be Christians, [Christ Like].

We don't make the call, God calls us.

We don't choose or accept Christ: He chooses and invites us to come!

CALLED: SUMMONED BY GOD.

Our part is in hearing and responding to the call - in repentance and faith.

Think about God's call!

Romans 8:29-32

We need to notice some wonderfully precious things that are inherent in this call.

I. IT IS A CALL OF GRACE **1 Corinthians 1:4**

This grace is a gift! It cannot be earned in any way!

Ephesians 2:8-10

GRACE: G God's **R** Riches **A** At Christ's **E** Expense

II. IT IS A CALL TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE **1 Corinthians 1:2**

A call to be separated unto God.

Philippians 2:5

Attitude adjustment is critical!

III. IT IS A CALL TO ENRICHMENT **1 Corinthians 1:5**

The new life in Christ is enriched with a new value system.

New Morals and New Goals.

IV. IT IS A CALL TO FULFILLMENT **1 Corinthians 1:7**

This includes all the kindness of God in producing peace of mind, consistency, and humility. [GRACE]

V. IT IS A CALL TO JUSTIFICATION **1 Corinthians 1:8**

Justification is the work of God on our behalf that will enable us to stand before him holy, pure and without blame! **John 8:31, 32; John 8:36; Galatians 5:1**

VI. IT IS A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP **1 Corinthians 1:9**

We are called into partnership with God's Son.

a. Partnership in seeking to save the lost.

b. Partnership in proclaiming the Gospel.

c. Partnership in building up His church.

IN ALL THIS WE ARE TO BE CO-ACTIVE WORKERS WITH HIM!

Not SLEEPING PARTNERS.

Hebrews 10:23-25

Contrary to what many have been led to believe; this does not refer only to church hours!

We are CO-LABORERS, and are to STAY CONNECTED,
EXHORTING AND LIFTING UP EACH OTHER!!!

VII. IT IS A CALL ISSUED BY A FAITHFUL GOD. **1 Corinthians 1:9**

Being in partnership with Jesus implies serious responsibility.

But it is by the God who faithful and true to His promises that we are called.

Philippians 4:19

Only believe!!!