

Call

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Introduction

1. 1 Corinthians 1:1, 2 (2 X), 9, 24, 26 total of 6 X in this first chapter
2. There are many calls in the Bible and some are different calls
3. We have the same today, we can have friendly calls, business calls, wrong calls, and missed calls; there are some calls that we want to miss and some we do not want to miss!
4. When Christ comes again it will be with a call of the trumpet 1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16
5. The calls of the Bible are very interesting, let us study these in 1 Corinthians 1

II Discussion

1. Paul was called to be an apostle 1:1
 - a. The word “called” to call anyone, to invite, or summon
 - b. Paul was called by Jesus Christ in Acts 9, 22, 26
 - c. He asked what shall I do Acts 22:10
 - d. Ananias told him why he was called Acts 22:14
 - e. Christ told him why he was called Acts 26:16-18
 - f. He was not disobedient to that calling Acts 22:19
 - g. He was told to be baptized to have his sins washed away 22:16
 - i. If he was saved before this Ananias did not know it, Saul did not know it and the Lord did not know it
 - h. He was qualified to be a witness Acts 22:15; Acts 1:22
 - i. Our calling is different 2Thessalonians 2:14 (different word)
2. The Corinthians were called to be saints 1:2
 - a. Same word as above, thus they were invited or summoned but how
 - b. Acts 18:1-11
 - i. Paul reasoned and he could testify that Jesus was the Christ Verses 4-5
 - ii. Many of the Corinthians hearing believed and were baptized verse 8
 - iii. The Lord had much people in that city
 - c. This is as Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:14 (different word with the background of command)
 - d. This is why we are to preach to everyone Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; 2 Timothy 2:2
 - e. Jesus has issued an invitation to all Matthew 11:28-30
 - f. To be called a saint we must do the same thing that they did. 1 Corinthians 6:11
3. Those that call upon the name of the Lord 1:2
 - a. This word is different that the above words and it means to invoke or entitle for aid; to be dedicated to a person; making use of His name
 - b. This was stated in Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13
 - c. This is done by obey the Lord’s commands Acts 22:16 (same word)
 - d. Thus we need aid in having our sins removed
 - e. WE are to be dedicated to the Lord
 - f. When we are baptized we are using His name
4. The Corinthians were called unto the fellowship of Jesus Christ our Lord 1:9
 - a. This is the same word as found in 2 Thessalonians 2:14; it is a calling with the background of a command
 - b. This word is a verb second person plural aorist passive indicative
 - i. It is aorist – an action has taken place prior to the writing (they had already been baptized with put them into Christ Galatians 3:26-27)

- ii. It is passive it received the action (They were in the fellowship with Christ then 1 John 1:3, 7; Acts 2:42; 2 Corinthians 6:14)
 - iii. It is indicative the action is certain or realized
 - c. We have been called into the fellowship with Christ our Lord
 - i. Is He our Lord
 - ii. Do we have fellowship with Him?
- 5. The Power of the Gospel is seen in this calling 1:24
 - a. The changing power of Christ is seen in the calling.
 - b. The Jews had to change as well as the Gentiles, but the Corinthians had to change; it was done by the Crucified Christ Acts 18:4, 11; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- 6. Consider your calling 1:26
 - a. Look at your invitation and see who was called the wise, powerful and rich though they have the invitation, have not responded to it in a positive way
 - b. The invitation is to all 1 Timothy 2:4; Hebrews 2:9; Matthew 11:28-30
 - c. Yet many are too busy to respond Luke 14:15-24; Matthew 7:21-23
 - d. The calling is still what God wants us to respond to 1:18

III Conclusion

- 1. Are you listening to the call?
- 2. You will not be called in the same way Paul was but the Lord is still calling today
- 3. What will you do with the invitation?
- 4. Why not accept the invitation and be saved, to reject the invitation or neglect the invitation is to be lost. The choice is your
- 5. Come accepting the Lord's invitation

Sources: MSOP Lectureship 2007; Vines Dictionary, Strong's concordance, Adam Clarke Commentary; Matthew Henry commentary; A.T. Roberson word Studies; G.A. Coffman commentaries; Matthew lectureship from Denton, and Getwell; Difficult Studies on N.T. Passages; Word Study Greek English New Testament by McReynolds