

The Company of the Called

Texts: John 3:27-30

Intro

1. Without a doubt → the most powerful impact ever made on human history was the ministry of the 1st Century Church.

1) In Acts 17:6 → KJV → tells us they were the people who turned the world upside down.

2) In the words of NIV → "These were the people who caused trouble all over the world."

2. Now - when we really stop + analyze that statement → before we are of one fact → the early church had a sense of divine calling → in a word → they were the company of the called :

1) Sense of divine vocation: Acts 2:4

2) Sense of divine mission: Acts 1:8 / 2:38-42

3) Sense of divine vocation: Acts 5:12-16

3. Truth is → we who claim the Lordship of Jesus Christ have received the same call:

4. Whole part of the epistles → expand the calling → expand the calling → quote the calling we have in Christ.

5. This is the message of:-

- 1) I Cor. 1: 26 - 30 :
 - (1) Brothers think of what you were when you were called.
 - (2) Not many of you were wise by human standards.
 - ① Not many were influential.
 - ② Not many of noble birth.
 - (3) But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise.
 - (4) God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.
 - (5) He chose the lowly things of this world - the despised things - the things that are not to nullify the things that are.
 - (6) So that no one may boast before him.
 - (7) It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus → rules has become for us weakness from God → that is, our rightness, wisdom + redemption.

2) Eph. 1: 18 → I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you → the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

3) Eph. 4:1-3 → As a pioneer for the Lord then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ② Be completely humble + gentle, be patient bearing with one another in love. ③ Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.

4) Phil 3:13,14 → forgetting what is behind, straining toward what is ahead ④ I press on toward the goal → to win the prize → for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

5) 1Th. 3:1 → Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling → fix your thoughts on Jesus → the apostle + high priest whom we confess.

5. ~~Send for~~ The bottom line of this message → we have a responsibility:

- 1) Win reward for your Christ.
- 2) Show the way ~~to~~ of productivity.
- 3) ~~Expect the result~~ to reflect the unity of Christ.
- 4) Model an effective life style of joy.
- 5) Demonstrate victory over the powers of Sin / Satan / Secularism.

- 6. Only one way that can happen → we have to become the company of the called →
 - 1) Called to Christ → let's our reptinances / holiness / redemption include
 - 2) Called to hope → the reaches of His glorious inheritance in us.
 - 3) Called to unity → we have the bond of peace → humility, gentleness, patience + love.
 - 4) Called to behave → to win the prize in Christ → eternal life
 - 5) Called to confess → Fix our thoughts on Jesus → the apostle + high point of our salvation.

Want to
 solve →
 addiction?
 alcohol?
 prison?
 family?
 money?
 stress?
problem

7. This is the answer to our moral → economic → social → emotional → family → live out our calling in Christ. // feared / faults // defeat / reaches
 // sin / obedience

- 8. Sounds fantastic → what does it really mean?
 - 1) Just don't know what to do → all = calvary stare story.
 - 2) Not sure pay price → all = expense story.

9. Have a model → John the Baptist → live out his calling → read the Bible → draw the same full blown portrait of a called man.

1) Not talk about competition / rat race of "gets ahead" / status / bulbars / power / social success.
Reptinences of a tyrant / perverts / stare blind of the path.

3) Talking about a sense of buy out our highest potential, under the leadership of Christ.

3) ~~Heel~~ was ~~or~~ man → one calling in life → be the face + unity to Christ.

(1) Last OT night / 1st NT worship.

(2) Link between mercy of the law + the ministry of grace.

(3) Brought the secrets of the desert into the streets of the city.

(4) How his life to pass prepare its way for the world's thirst + the world's hunger.

4) ~~Two~~ Two most important observations:

(1) John 1:29 → Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

(2) John 3:30 → Christ must become greater → I must become less → increase/decrease

10. What does this mean? → How are we a part of the company of the committed?

I. Experiences of Individual Initiative

1. Ums 27-29 →
 - 1) Background →
 - 2) Lectures →
 - 3) Rest was

1. Country built on ind. initiative → H. Wark.
Thomas Edison
2. Red + Top at Chulhwa
3. Try Coleb

- 2. Come to the place of individual persons → no one do it for us.
- 3. Meaning of word call → individual introduction:
 - 1) ~~καλέω~~ → invite / someone with a personal object in mind.
 - 2) εἰς καλέω → to call in.
 - 3) εἰς καλέω → to call a person by name.
 - 4) ἀπὸ καλέω → to call from one place to another → implies change → one standing / static position to another → out of darkness to light.
 - 5) ἵνα καλέω → divine call to Gentiles call to preach the gospel.
 - 6) ~~καλέω~~ →

4. Hard to define calling → see Apostle Paul → I Cor. 9: 16-29 → overview of calling →

① Heavenly
~~Heavenly~~

1) verse 16 → compelled to preach. Was it me if I do not preach the gospel.

② Slave
~~Slave~~

2) verse 19a → make myself a slave to myself to myself to

③ Wager
④ Wager

3) verse 19b → To win or save as possible.

~~20~~ → 23 →

- (1) Jew → like a Jew
- (2) Law → like one under the law
- (3) without law → not being law
- (4) weak → become weak.

verses 22, 23 → I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. (23) I do this for the sake of the gospel that I might share in its blessing.

⑤ Heavenly

4) 24-29 →

5. Mc → Jury + Bluebon

④
Rodriguez
number

II. Expansion of Corporate Identity

1. Verse 31-36 → Implication of unity 32, 33 →
church → собрание → call together →

2. Whole part of the church → called together →
sense of of corporate identity → Expansions //

3. John's Scripture → Mark 9: 23 / Matt 17: 20 /
Mark 11: 24 / John 14: 13 → fulfilled in
the company of the called.

4. Mc Dod + Sandbar Chaplin

5. Mc Georg Walbylov.

6. Mc Dod + Sand bar.