

FOR GOD CALLED US

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INTRODUCTION

- A. TEXT: *"For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification. Therefore he that rejecteth, rejecteth not man, but God, who giveth his Holy Spirit unto you."* (v. 7,8).
1. God called us to live for Him.
 2. Paul is encouraging them to be faithful to that calling.
- B. Perhaps the most oft quoted verse that deals with our being called by God is:
1. *"For whom he foreknew, he also foreordained to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren: and whom he foreordained, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."* (Romans 8:29-30).
 2. So it is not a question of, Does God Call....BUT how Does God Call.
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VIEWED BY WORLD

- A. The Way Much of the Religious World Use The Term "Called by God".
1. A miraculous touching or call by God.
 2. Better felt than told.
 3. God singles them out and directs them into some activity. (Preaching, etc).
- B. IRRESISTIBILITY OF GRACE.
1. TO BE "CALLED BY God" is to be saved.
 2. Predestination - God has a select few that He is going to call - save - no more - no less!
 3. When God calls - saves you, you cannot successfully resist.
 4. If God doesn't call you - no matter how hard you try - how much you want to obey Him...you CANNOT!
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HOW DOES GOD CALL

- A. *"And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, establish, strengthen you."* (I Pet. 5:10).
1. We are called by or in Christ.
 2. Christ is the one through and by whom the call comes.
- B. *"whereunto he called you through our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."* (II Thess. 2:14).
1. Specifically we are called by the Gospel.
 2. The Gospel is - the good news - that a Savior has come.

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3. The Gospel of Christ (Gal. 1).
4. The Gospel is God's power to Save....(Romans 1:16).

C. CALLED BY HIS WORD.

1. *"It is written in the prophets, and they shall all be taught of God. every one that hath heard from the Father, and hath learned, cometh unto me."* (John 6:45).
 2. *"....who shall speak unto thee words, whereby thou shalt be saved, thou and all thy house."* (Acts 11:14).
 3.the word which is able to save your soul. (James 1:21).
 4. The Great Commission. **GO PREACH AND TEACH**
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WHY DOES GOD CALL

A. NOT BECAUSE HE NEEDS US.

1. *"The God that made the world and all things therein, he being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything seeing he himself giveth to all life, and breath, and all things:"* (Acts 17:24-25).
2. It was man who was lost....not God.

B. BECAUSE HE LOVES US.

1. John 3:16.
2. I John 4:10, *"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."*

C. TO SAVE US!

1. *"And you did he make alive, when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins,that ye were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world."* (Eph. 2:1; 12).
 2. *"And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins."* (Matt. 1:21).
 - 3 *"But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."* (Rom. 5:8)
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CAN WE REJECT GOD

A. CAN WE REJECT THE CALL OF GOD? Bible examples.

1. *"But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. And now, because ye have done all these works saith Jehovah, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not: therefore will I do unto the house which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the*

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place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.” (Jeremiah 7:12-15).

2. THE RESULTS OF REJECTING GOD.... *“Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.” (Jer. 7:16).*

- B. Hosea 14:1-2, 4. *“O Israel, return unto Jehovah thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and return unto Jehovah; say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and accept that which is good; so will we render as bullocks the offering of our lips.....I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for mine anger is turned away from him....”*

1. The Northern kingdom.
2. Did they heed God’s call???
3. When man rejects God’s call....He is rejected by God!!

CONCLUSION

- A. HOW DOES MAN REJECT GOD’S CALL?

1. By refusing to obey.
2. Rich Young Ruler.
3. Agrippa, Acts 26.

- B. *“Wherefore, even as the Holy Spirit saith, ‘Today if ye shall hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. Like as in the day of the trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tried me by proving me And saw my works forty years. (Heb. 3:7-9).*

- C. Matt. 11:28; *“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

- D. GOD IS CALLING.....WHAT WILL YOUR ANSWER BE????

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