

ROM. 10, 8:28-30, MATT. 22:14

CALLING

GOSPEL DEFINED

"How did you do that?" We've all seen and illusion or sleight of hand trick by a magician that caused us to say something to the effect of, "Wait. Do that again." When we are awed by something, we want to stop and replay it and understand it from every angle. It's the reason certain sports highlights go viral and men ask their wives to be quiet for the fastest 3 minutes on Monday nights. We love to examine the amazing. An amazing thing happens to the heart that responds in faith to Jesus. But, it isn't sleight of hand. It's miraculous. In our awe and amazement and worship, the gospel defined shows us how that happens to those that throughly do not deserve it. God calls sinners to be saved.

GOD CALLS SINNERS TO REPENT.

Calling is _____ to repent and believe the gospel.

Calling is two sided. External and _____. General and effectual.

EXTERNAL General calling is to _____ who can hear the gospel.

INTERNAL Effectual calling is to those who _____ to the gospel.

GOD CALLS ALL WITH THE GOSPEL.

God is completely _____. He demands perfection from His creation.

Man is thoroughly _____. He can do nothing to merit God's favor.

Jesus died in our place as our _____. He didn't stay dead. He rose again.

Man must _____ and _____. He can receive forgiveness and eternal life.

GOD CALLS SOME WHO RESPOND.

Because of his sinfulness, man _____ turn to Christ on His own.

In His eternal purposes, God _____ calls the elect to be saved.

Those who respond to God's call are... _____

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT...

Without any other study, write an outline of the gospel. Compare it to the God Man Christ Response outline that you see on the other side of the sheet. Did you include everything that God uses to call men to Himself? Which part is easiest to leave out?

Because God calls all men to be saved with the general call, does that mean man's response is optional? Why or why not?

Beyond conviction (John 16:8-11), effectual calling includes several elements: illumination (1 Cor. 2:12-16; 2 Cor. 4:3-6); drawing (John 6:44; Rom. 8:30); and the gifts of repentance (2 Tim. 2:25; Acts 11:18) and faith (Eph. 2:8-9; Phil. 1:29). Pick one of these topics and meditate on the work of God in man's heart to bring Him to Himself. What emotions and thoughts of God overflow in your heart as a result?

God's purposes in election and effectual calling are difficult to wrestle with. Read the following verses and write 4 truth statements about God and man. (Matt. 22:14, Matt. 24:24-31, Luke 18:7, John 5:21, John 6:37-39, John 13:18, John 15:16, 19) Should we discuss and think about election and effectual calling? Why or why not?

Why does God elect and effectually call sinners to salvation? Read 1 Thess. 1:4; 2 Thess. 2:13; Ps. 65:4; Deut 8:6-8; John 15:16; and Rom. 8:29 for help.

The elect receive the effectual call of God to be saved. Do you know who those people are? Does that affect whether or not we should share the gospel? Answer scripturally using Rom. 10:13-17, Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8.

How does the New Testament present the teaching of election and the effectual call?

It is presented as...

1. _____ Rom 8:28-30
2. _____ Eph. 1:5-6; 1 Thess. 1:2, 4; 2 Thess. 2:13-14
3. _____ 2 Tim. 2:10