

## GOD'S CALL TO YOU AND THE RESULTS

### 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

**Introduction:** Did you ever look at the new members who just joined your church and wonder what their spiritual condition would be like five years from then? Would they still be as excited as they were right then? Would they be counted among the faithful of the Church? What about all the temptations and trials that would happen to them? What about all the temptations the world and Satan was going to bring into their lives? We look at children starting school on their very first day and think, "my, my, are they in for a change in their little lives." So it is with new Christians.

Take a look at your own life, Christian. What has happened to you since you first believed in the Lord Jesus? What has changed? Why did God choose you in the first place?

### I. THINK ABOUT GOD'S CALL TO YOU

1. It was a divine call.
  - It was no accident or good deed that you did that got God's attention.
  - What caused you to even think about Jesus in the first place?
  - What was your attitude at that time about life, the world, Godly things?
2. Why did God call you anyhow?
  - What had you ever done to cause God to even look your way?
  - How long did God have to deal with you before you began to be serious about Jesus?
  - Why was God so persistent with you anyhow?
3. What were you before God called you and what were you doing?
  - In His eyes you were going to Hell.
  - You were living as everybody was, guided and unknowingly ruled by Satan.
  - Maybe you drank, used profanity, made fun of Christians.
4. If God had not called you where would you be today?
  - Would be saying as you see others without Jesus, *"There but for the grace of God, go I."*
  - Have you ever even thought about what you might be like today if you had not accepted God's Son, Jesus?
5. What are you today because God called you?
  - You are pardoned, justified before God.
  - You are "clothed" in Jesus Christ's righteousness in God's eyes.
  - You are pure, heir to Jesus Christ's throne.
  - You have a home awaiting you in heaven.

## II. WHY DID GOD CALL YOU ANYHOW?

1. He called you to be like His Son, Jesus Christ.
  - As the "bride" of His Son, Jesus.
  - As the body of His Son, Jesus, who is the head.
  - As the branches of the vine which is Jesus.
2. He called you to be a partaker with His Son, Jesus Christ.
  - All Jesus has and shall ever have, you will share.
    - His crown, His wealth, His glory.
    - His righteousness, His throne, His golden streets.
  - All you are or ever shall have belong to Jesus Christ.
    - Your life, wealth.
    - Your love, time, thoughts.
3. He called you to be faithful and loyal to Him, almighty God.

## III. GOD'S CALL BRINGS ETERNAL SECURITY

1. You belong to God.
  - You are justified now and will soon be glorified.
  - *"If God be for you, who could be against you?"*
2. You are in Jesus Christ forever.
  - Jesus is also in you called the Holy Spirit.
  - *"No power can pluck you out of the Father's hand."*

## CONCLUSION:

1. Since God called you and you responded by accepting Jesus, what has happened?
  - What about your attitudes, zeal, spiritual growth, excitement?
  - Or are you at a standstill, in a rut, bored, accomplishing nothing for the Lord?
2. Judge yourself! Is God happy and pleased with your present performance?
3. If a change in your life is needed, let it happen. The Holy Spirit bring it about.