

Chapter 33: The Gospel Call & Effective Calling

What is the gospel message? How does it become effective?

I. Is there an order in God's saving purpose? (Rom 8:30 - "predestined", then "called")
"Order of Salvation"

1. Election
2. Calling
3. Regeneration
4. Conversion
5. Justification
6. Adoption
7. Sanctification
8. Perseverance
9. Death
10. Glorification

II. Definition: *Effective Calling is an act of God the Father, speaking through the human proclamation of the gospel, in which he summons people to himself in such a way that they respond in saving faith.*

A. Differences between the gospel call (general) and effective call (to some people):

Rom. 8:30; 1 Pet. 2:9; 1 Cor. 1:9; 1 Thess. 2:12; 1 Pet. 5:10; Rom 1:7

- | <u>Gospel Call</u> | <u>Effective Call</u> |
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| Man's Action | God's action |
| Offered to all people | Particular |
| External | Internal |
| Often rejected | Always Effective |
| The means for effective calling | |

2. Both calls are Scriptural and necessary for salvation (John 6:44; Acts 16:14; Rom. 10:14).

B. Three Important Elements in Human Preaching:

1. Explanation of the Facts Concerning Salvation:
 - a. All people have sinned (Rom. 3:23).
 - b. The penalty for sin is death (Rom. 6:23)
 - c. Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for our sins (Rom. 5:8)
 2. Invitation to Respond to Christ Personally in Repentance and Faith: (Matt. 11:28; John 1:11-12; Rev. 3:20; 22:17)
 - a. Repentance is necessary for salvation (Luke 24:47; Acts 20:21; Rom. 2:4; 2 Cor. 7:10)
 - b. Faith is necessary for salvation (Acts 16:31; Eph. 2:8)
 3. A Promise of Forgiveness and Eternal Life: (John 3:16; 6:37; Acts 3:19)
- C. The Importance of the Gospel Call (Rom. 10:14)

III. Questions for Personal Application