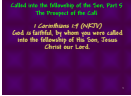


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Called into the Fellowship of His Son, Part 5

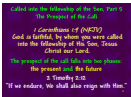
The Prospect of the Call

1 Corinthians 1:9 (NKJV) God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ***“You were called...”***

You are called into the fellowship of God’s Son...

There is a Call of God to come and fellowship Jesus Christ our Lord.

#2



The prospect of the call falls into two phases, the present and the future prospect.

The Word of God teaches us that the end of this call and fellowship is an eternal reigning together with Christ.

2 Timothy 2:12 NKJV “If we endure, We shall also reign with Him.”

God's thought, intention, and will is for us to fellowship in His kingdom and also in His dominion.

This is the idea behind the call and in the fellowship.

We have been called to share with Christ on His Throne.

The Lord's intention is that all who are called will be in associated with His Throne.

The basic concept of this has to do with authority, power, and position.

#3



When we regard and respond to the call of the Father we are brought into fellowship with His Son.

We are going to be changed.

This affects demeanor and character.

This affects position and power.

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This means that we must go through preparation and training.

This is the process of coming into His presence.

There must come some changes in you.

We are not prepared to live in the fellowship of the Glorious Lord.

He is too holy.

We are not holy as He is Holy

We are not sinless as He is sinless.

He is full of glory, grace, and blessing.

There must come some changing in us if we are going to fellowship Him.

He is the Awesome God.

We have not been prepared to walk in the heavenly places with Christ.

God must change us.

We would be out of place if we were not changed.

The prophets needed to be changed.

They were unprepared for holy ground.

John fell like a dead man at the feet of the resurrected Christ.

When Isaiah saw the Lord almighty, he knew he was unclean, and unworthy.

We must be changed!

We will be made to fit in with that position, responsibility, and association with Him.

#4



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Why must we be changed?

Why can't we just come and go into the presence of the Lord just as we are?

Why would God call us into the fellowship of the Son and then change us?

The Lord Jesus Christ is different that we are.

He is totally Holy.

He is totally kind.

He is totally loving.

He is totally pure.

He is totally powerful.

He has all glory, honor, and splendor.

The radiant glory of God exudes from His being.

He is totally different than what we have been.

We are always trying to be like Him, but we know we are different.

We know we fall short of His glory.

When we are called into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ, we know we do not belong.

He is too holy and pure for us to fellowship with Him.

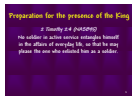
We must be conformed into the image of God's Son.

We have to be changed.

When Elisha was called into the fellowship of Elijah, he had to go through the process of being changed.

Elisha followed Elijah until he was able to walk like Elijah walked.

#5



Preparation for the presence of the King

2 Timothy 2:4 (NASB95) No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

We are called to be in active duty for the Lord.

There is more to this being a soldier that just walking around in a uniform.

You can look like a soldier and not be one.

The preparation for warfare gets down into the inner fiber of the soldier.

He becomes so much of a soldier, that he is one even without the uniform.

Before we can do anything of value on the outside, we have to be ready on the inside.

The old man and the old ways must be dealt with before the new man can live.

When we looked at the Corinthian believers, we saw a congregation who had on the uniform and were walking around like soldiers.

But, they needed to be changed on the inside.

The Israelites in the wilderness were in a time of preparation.

They were being prepared for the promised land.

This matter of preparation must be completed:

- Before you can **go in and war** with principalities and powers.
- Before you can have any **affect** on evil in this universe.
- Before you have any **power** over the principalities, powers, world rulers of this darkness, hosts of spiritual wickedness in heavenly places.

We must be prepared first.

What does it take to be prepared?

The Israelites were brought out of Egypt.

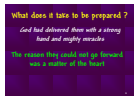
They were delivered over the Red Sea.

They were delivered with mighty miracles from God.

God brought them to the border of the Land of Promise.

They were not prepared to walk with God.

#6



They did not trust Him to be faithful.

They thought their enemies were greater than the God who brought them out of Egypt.

It took God forty years to get the children of Israel anywhere in this preparation.

In the end, they perished in the wilderness because they refused to go forward with God.

They refused to allow themselves to be changed.

So, the Lord raised up a new generation that went into the land.

The old was dealt with and a new generation was raised up to go into the land.

It did not take forty years to do this.

This is not a matter of time.

It is a matter of the heart.

The reason the children of Israel could not go forward was a divided heart.

The wanted the blessing of God and they wanted the ways of Egypt.

They wanted to enter the promise and covenant with God, and they wanted to yield to the lusts of their flesh.

WE cannot go into the blessing, covenant, and fellowship of the Son with a divided heart.

You must be wholly and absolutely for God.

The cry of your heart must be *"I must go on with God."*

This word was spoken to the Corinthians about God's people being in a wilderness. (1 Corinthians 10:5)

The reason they died in the wilderness was that God was not pleased with them.

This matter comes down to us, to our day and time.

We cannot skip the changes

#7



Too often, we prefer the pleasures, power, and blessing of the relationship with the Christ of Ephesians, and Colossians.

Before you can go into spiritual warfare and combat the forces of Satan, we must get off of the natural ground.

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#8

We must be washed and cleansed by the Blood of Christ.
We must come to the Cross and crucify the flesh with Christ.
We must come into fellowship with Christ and use the name of Jesus.

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We must come into fellowship with Christ and be changed.

We must know and use the name of Jesus.

The First letter to the Corinthians is a revelation of the need for correction and change in the Church.

They needed to correct what was wrong on the inside.

They were not prepared for spiritual warfare.

They were still struggling with their inner man.

#9

The first battle concerns the inner conflict, triumph, and control.
We must overcome on the inside and then we will have power over the enemy on the outside.
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They were out of (Egypt) the world positionally.

But the world was not out of them.

Egypt was rooted deeply in them.

The ways, ideals, and gods of Egypt held them.

They were constantly thinking of everything they did in Egypt.

They lusted for the food of Egypt.

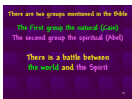
They remembered the pleasures of Egypt.

They forgot the troubles of their past.

God had to take them by the hand bring them into change.

They had to be separated from Egypt.

#10



There are two groups mentioned in the Bible.

The first group is the natural man, represented by Cain and the second group is the spiritual, represented by Abel.

Cain was a man of his own works.

He depended on his own goodness.

He brought to God what he could produce.

Abel was a man of the Spirit

He knew he did not have a right standing with God.

He offered a sacrifice.

He depended on a Lamb to get through to God.

There is a battle between these two, the world and the Spirit.

Abel lost his life in the conflict.

But, Cain lost everything.

Abel was justified with God.

This is the same battle that is going on in us.

The natural man cannot receive the things of God.

The spiritual man understands this.

The natural man is bound to this earth.

The spiritual man has an open heaven.

#11

We have looked at groups of men in the Bible
Sam and Abel
Abraham and Lot
Lot found what he wanted in the world
Abraham went another way
He had a heavenward pull

We saw this division in Abraham and Lot.

They came to a point in life where they had to part company.

Abraham gave Lot the choice.

Lot looked around and saw the well watered plain, then he turned to Sodom.

Lot found what he wanted in the world.

He turned to things that looked good.

He had walked with a man who was looking for a city whose builder and maker was God.

Lot turned to Sodom.

He joined with their counsel and people.

This became a steady, slow course to disaster.

You can see the way it happened.

It began simply.

It was a simple desire, an inclination, a thirst.

It took God's intervention to save his life.

When you think of Lot, you do not think great thoughts?

Here is ruin, failure, and the world.

Abraham went another way.

He was guided by a different principle.

Something was deep rooted in his heart and soul.

He knew that this world, this life was not everything.

He knew there was something more.

He could not settle down in these things.

He had a heavenward pull.

Abraham wanted to know more about the Lord God Jehovah.

#12



The division is seen in Isaac and Ishmael.

Isaac began his life on an altar.

Isaac was a well maker, a water provider, and a life giver.

He was looking for ways to restore wells the enemy had stopped.

He owed his existence to God.

If it had not been for God's intervention, Isaac's life would have ended.

He had a miracle birth.

Isaac belonged to God's from the very beginning.

Ishmael was Abraham and Sarah's attempt to do God's work.

From the beginning Ishmael brought controversy, division, and strife.

Through Ishmael, Abraham was trying to realize God's purpose.

Ishmael went down in history as a mistake.

Isaac stands as a testimony of God's greatness.

Ishmael is a testimony of man's weakness and fear.

#13



Look at Jacob and Esau.

Esau was not a bad fellow.

Esau had admirable traits.

He lived a good, strong, straight life.

He is honest, respected, and fine.

Esau just had no place for God in his life.

He did not want to talk about God.

He just wanted to live his life, his own way.

Jacob was not as admirable as Esau.

Many times Esau looks better than Jacob.
 God could have chosen Esau and not Jacob.

Esau lived a good life but had no room for God.

It is easy to naturally despise Jacob.

Jacob stole his brother's birthright.

Jacob is not always right.

God chose Jacob because he made room for God in his life.

God said that He was the God of Jacob.

Jacob was God's man.

He was committed.

There is a battle going on in us.

It is going on in you.

There is a little bit of Esau and Jacob in everyone of us.

We must make a choice which way we will go.

Which way are we going to go?

Israel had to decide if they were going after God or if they were going their own way.

Are they going to follow their natural interests or God's?

At Carmel, Elijah cried out: "If God be God, serve Him, If Baal, serve him."

This is still the issue today.

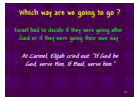
Are we going to give God our all?

Where do we stand?

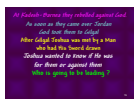
At Kadesh-barnea they rebelled against God.

That was when God started raising up a new generation that would follow Him.

#14



#15



*They would walk where God told them to go.
They came to the Jordan at flood tide.
All of the People were ready to go on with God.
There were no stragglers, or compromisers.*

As soon as they came over Jordan God took them to Gilgal, where they were circumcised.

This was the mark in them that they had died to the old life.

***The Cross of Christ will put away the old life.
This generation is marked with the Cross.***

From this new position, the Lordship of Jesus Christ is determined.

After Gilgal, Joshua was met by a Man who had His Sword drawn.

Joshua wanted to know if He was for them or against them.

All Joshua was told was: ***"as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come."***

What is he saying?

He is establishing the Lordship of the Holy Spirit on this new ground.

He is saying: ***"It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord of Hosts."***

He is establishing the fact that he is going to be leading them.

God will be leading them along.

Every battle will be won at His direction.

Everything is going to be accomplished by the energy and power of the Spirit.

#16



They must follow Him to victory.

Once leadership is established, it is time to take the land.

This is when they are led to Jericho.

It is a stronghold.

It is the gateway to seven nations.

Everything is concentrated here in the beginning.

From the beginning of their new life, the Lord established how He was going to give them everything.

They are not going into God's blessing on their own strength.

From a natural point of view, everything they do looks feeble and weak.

The Lord is establishing His own principle.

The victory at Jericho proves that God is in control.

They are walking in obedience and silence.

Nothing makes sense, until God pulls down the walls of Jericho.

The natural man never will understand the ways of God.

On the Seventh day, the Seventh time around, in obedience to God's command, they began blowing the rams horns and shouting.

They were walking in fellowship with the Lord of Host.

You know what happened.

What does it mean?

They are walking in a position of victory.

They were walking on ground that God was giving them.

They were putting everything under their feet by faith.

This is fundamental.

To have victory you must start in faith.

If you do not start in faith, you better not go on.