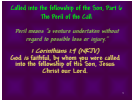


#1



***Called into the Fellowship of His Son, Part 6  
The Peril of the Call***

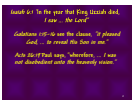
***Peril means “a venture undertaken without regard to possible loss or injury.”***

***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...***

***I would like to bring 3 fragments of Scripture together for a basis of what we are going to say.***

#2



***Isaiah 6:1 “in the year that King Uzziah died, I saw ... the Lord”***

***I want us to look at that last phrase, "I saw the Lord". Galatians 1:15-16 see the clause, “it pleased God, ... to reveal His Son in me.”***

***Acts 26:19 Paul says, "wherefore, ... I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."***

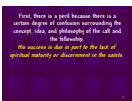
***"I saw... the Lord"***

***"it pleased God... to reveal His Son in me"***

***"I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision"***

***There are two areas of peril in relation to the fellowship with Jesus Christ.***

#3



***First, there is peril because there is a certain degree of confusion surrounding the concept, idea, and philosophy of the call and the fellowship.***

***The Lord Jesus warned that Satan would come to kill, steal, and destroy, John 10:10.***

***His success is due in part to the lack of spiritual maturity or discernment in the saints.***

***Satan is the father of lies.***

He has inspired many falsehoods.

Many have been deceived and have forsaken Christ.

The peril is that many people have fallen prey to Satan's deceptions.

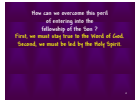
They believed a lie and were led into error.

***The Scripture says that Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.***

Unless you have spiritual discernment, you cannot tell the difference.

***We must have spiritual sight or discernment.***

#4



***How can we overcome this peril of entering into the fellowship of the Son?***

***Two things are necessary, and are provided by God.***

***First, we must stay true to the Word of God.***

***Second, we must be led by the Holy Spirit.***

***We must understand that God has not changed throughout the decades of time.***

He is consistent.

He is eternally the same.

He is reliable.

***Therefore what He has done, He will continue to do.***

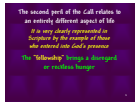
We live far below the experience and power of the fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

***As long as Satan is able to instill fear and doubt into our minds and spirit, we will remain stifled and unresponsive to God's call.***

***We must not be vulnerable to deception or ignorant of the word of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit.***

The only way to avoid this is to be people of the Word of God and remain full of the Holy Spirit.

#5



***The second peril of the Call relates to an entirely different aspect of life.***

***This is clearly represented in Scripture by the example of those who have entered into God's presence.***

***The "fellowship" brings a disregard or reckless hunger.***

In Acts 26, Paul is reviewing his entire life and ministry.

For thirty years he had been serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

He is reviewing all that he had faced since he came into Christ.

He attributed everything that was accomplished to one thing.

He was faithful to the heavenly vision.

***In Galatians 1:16-16 he said:***

***"It pleased God... to reveal His Son in me."***

Notice the verse does not say that He revealed His Son to me.

***On the road to Damascus: He saw a light from heaven as bright as the sun.***

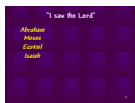
When he saw that light, something was done in him.

***"It pleased God... to reveal His Son in me."***

***Once revealed, Paul was never the same.***

***He said the only thing of importance in his life was "that I might win Christ."***

#6



***Of Abraham, it is said the reason for his life, history, knowledge, and beginning was: "I saw the Lord."***

Everything that happened to Abraham was a result of ***"the God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham."***

**Moses** went up into the mount and "*saw the God of Israel*" and the glory.

*"He endured, as seeing Him who is invisible."*

**Ezekiel** begins with "*I saw visions of God.*"

Everything in Ezekiel is a result of his seeing the Lord.

**Isaiah** said, "*I saw... the Lord*".

*This same thing can be said over and over in relation to every man of God.*

*The one thing that is important in each one is this coming into fellowship with the Son of God.*

**They were at His side.**

**They were hearing His voice.**

**They were seeing Him move.**

**They were following His leading.**

**They were feeling His influence.**

*We must see how near we can get.*

*How much of Christ can there be?*

*After the resurrection, the testimony that was important was "we have seen the Lord!"*

When the apostle Paul said this, "that it pleased God to reveal His Son in him," he was saying that up to that time he was blind.

*He had inherited nature's blindness.*

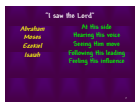
*He was insensitive to the presence of the Lord.*

*He did not have spiritual discernment to know the Lord.*

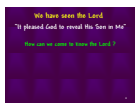
The Lord warned that they would have eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear.

*Saul was content with this blindness and deafness until something happened.*

#7



#8



Religious education does not unveil and reveal Christ.  
 Saul of Tarsus was a Rabbi, and he could not see.  
 He had approval of religious leaders.  
 He could not see the Lord.  
 He knew the law.  
 He could not recognize the King of Glory.

*This is the whole point: "God has revealed His Son in me."*

*We cannot gain that revelation with all of the training in the world.*

*How can we come to know the Lord?*

*God uses many methods and processes to get our attention.*

He may use a teacher, a preacher, or a book.

He may use an experience, blessing, or tragedy.

*Behind it, God reveals Himself to us.*

We must come to the place where our spirit desires the Lord.

*I must know the Living Lord.*

*I must have spiritual seeing.*

*This is the only thing that changed Saul of Tarsus.*

He was committed to his former life.

He would not stop for any man, woman or child.

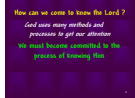
He was ready to stone those who were committed to Christ.

But, when he saw the Lord his position in life changed.

*He became as committed, and dedicated as Stephen was.*

*We must become committed to the process of knowing Him.*

#9



***The revelation of Jesus the Christ changed the way he looked at everything in life.***

Only a revelation of Christ will bring about such a transformation.

When you see the Lord you cannot remain the same.

When you see Him, who is invisible, everything changes.

***Knowing the Lord Jesus Christ is a Process***

***There is more going on here than understanding the Doctrine of Jesus Christ.***

***It is important to understand the Doctrine of the Eternal Son of God.***

Involved in that doctrine is the manifold expressions of God's mercy and grace.

There is more to knowing Him than the doctrine of His Eternal Sonship, incarnation, and sinless life.

There is more than His atoning death, and bodily resurrection.

***You can know all of the doctrine of Christ and miss the Person and fellowship of Jesus Christ.***

You can know all about Him and not fellowship Him.

***We must have more than the understanding of the doctrine of the Person of Christ.***

We must have Jesus Christ inside.

***Oh, that I may know Him.***

Thank God for the revelation of Christ on the cross.

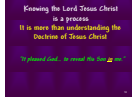
Thank God for the atonement and blood.

***What the Church needs today is this: "It pleased God... to reveal His Son in me."***

***We must have Jesus Christ revealed in us.***

***Are you here to see Jesus?***

#10



#11



***We must never come to an end of our seeing Christ.***

***We must press on in this.***

**Never become satisfied in the routine of reading the Bible or studying.**

***Our purpose in the Book should be to see Christ.***

**Do not ever become content learning about Christ.**

***Let us press on that we may see Him.***

***This is the Work of the Spirit of God.***

**When He the Spirit of Truth shall come, He will reveal Christ.**

***This is the will and work of the Father.***

**He will call us into fellowship with His Son.**

***What is the peril of the call into the fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord?***

***This is the peril.***

***When Jesus Christ becomes our single focus and ambition, everything else loses value.***

**The hunger for more of Jesus becomes the all consuming focus of life.**

***Many people chase after other things.***

***Jesus is my all in all.***

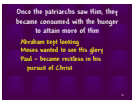
***Once the patriarchs saw Him, they were consumed with the hunger to attain more of Him.***

***Abraham kept looking for Him.***

**He was not satisfied with the things in this life that he saw.**

**He wanted a habitation where God dwelt.**

#12



***Moses was looking after his sheep, when he saw the bush that was ablaze with the Lord's glory.***

Once he came into the presence of Almighty God, he could not be satisfied walking with men.

He became increasingly hungry for more of God.

He had little tolerance for anything that fell below God's standard of excellence and holiness.

Moses was not satisfied until he could see more of the Lord.

***Once Paul saw the Lord, he was changed.***

He became reckless in his pursuit of Christ.

#13

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***Jesus Christ became Paul's one passion.***

***Nothing else could satisfy the hunger of his soul.***

***Philippians 3:8-10 (NIV)*** ***What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord***, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, ***that I may gain Christ*** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his

resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings,  
becoming like him in his death,

#15

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#16

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Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again I bless Your name  
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When I fall down, You pick me up  
When I am dry, You fill my cup  
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