

GOD IS CALLING.

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INTRO.:

A. Read text: Eph. 4:1-3.

B. Regarding the text:

1. In every dispensation God has called men to Him.
 - 1) **Noah: Gen. 6:13; Abraham: Gen. 22:11; Moses: Lev. 1:1; Samuel: 1 Sam. 3:4; Paul: Rom. 1:1.**
 - 2) **1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Pet. 1:10.**
 - 3) **1 Thess. 2:12.**
2. Easy to see --- God has made the call (**Eph. 4:4; Col. 3:15**).
3. God called mankind to salvation. The question: Will we answer His call?

DISCUSSION: IN THIS LESSON WE OBSERVE...

I. HOW GOD CALLS MEN.

A. There are many misconceptions.

1. Many believe in Irresistible Grace. This would make the call a special limited selection.
2. It would make God to be a respecter of persons (**Acts 10:34; Rom. 2:11**).

B. All men are called in the same way: (BY THE GOSPEL: 2 Thess. 2:13-15; 1 Cor. 15:1-2).

C. Every accountable person will be judged BY this gospel. (John 12:48; Rom. 2:16).

II. TO WHAT ARE WE CALLED?

A. To the new birth.

1. Remember Jesus said we must be born again (**John 3:3, 5**).
2. **1 Pet. 1:23** "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."
3. **James 1:18** "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth..."

B. Into the light.

1. **1 Pet. 2:9** "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light"

C. Into fellowship with God (1 John 1:3-7; 1 Cor. 1:9).

D. Into the eternal kingdom... the church (1 Thess. 2:12; Col. 1:13).

III. FINALLY...WE MUST REALIZE THAT WE MUST ANSWER THE CALL!

A. No one can answer for me.

B. To answer His call...

1. We must spend time in His written instructions to us (**2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Pet. 1:10**).
2. We must walk according to the call (**Eph. 4:1-3; 5:15**).

C. Many will not ANSWER His call (Isa. 30:9; Acts 28:27; Heb. 5:11)!

D. Let us be a people who will answer the Savior's call (1 Sam. 3:10; Matt. 7:24).

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Notice: The CALL (Rev. 3:20 "Behold I stand at the door and knock..."); The CALLER – Heb. 1:2 "... spoken unto us by his Son"; Our ANSWER (Acts 22:16).

B. May we ever be a people who will answer the Lord's call.