

Effectual Calling

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Main Point:

You have been given new life in Jesus Christ; live it to the glory of God.

1. If you trust in Christ, God once called you out of the domain of darkness and into the kingdom of grace.
2. The Holy Spirit had to regenerate you.
3. God effectually called you to Himself.
4. He called you to fellowship with Jesus, among other blessings.
5. Live your new life in Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

WSC 17 “Into what estate did the fall bring mankind? The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.”

Colossians 1:13-14 ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (ESV)

John 3:3 ³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (NKJV)

Ezekiel 36:26-27 ²⁶ "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 2:9-14 ⁹ But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." ¹⁰ But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit ... ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God ... ¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. (NKJV)

Romans 3:10-12 ¹⁰ As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." (NKJV)

Acts 2:36-37, which says ³⁶ "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." ³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" (NKJV)

Acts 16:13-14 ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met *there*. ¹⁴ Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us*. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who

worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. (NKJV)

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

Galatians 5:13 ¹³ For you, brethren, have been called to liberty ... (NKJV)

WCF 20.1 The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the Gospel, consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; and, in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan and dominion of sin; from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation; as also, in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto Him, not out of slavish fear, but a child-like love and willing mind ...

1 Thessalonians 4:7 ⁷ For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. (NKJV)

Ephesians 2:4-10 ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 5:17 ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 6:20 ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (NKJV)

John Calvin “No true Christian is his own man.”