

The Three Essentials of the Call of God

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Mark 3:13-18

The Call of God

- ❖ Jesus chose His twelve apostles

Luke 6:12-13 “... He went out to the mountain to pray, and all night He continued in prayer to God. And when day came, He called His disciples and chose from them twelve, whom He named apostles.”

John 5:19 “So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly I say to you, the Son can do nothing of His own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.’”

John 15:16 “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear much fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He may give it to you.”

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Jesus called His Disciples ...

1. “... so that they might be with Him”

- ❖ Almighty God has always desired to be close to His people ...

Isaac ... “...Fear not for I am with you...” Genesis 26:24

Moses ... “...I will be with you...” Exodus 3:12

Joshua ... “...as I was with Moses, so I will be with you...” Joshua 1:5

Israel ... “...fear not, for I am with you...” Isaiah 41:10

Jeremiah ... “They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the Lord, to deliver you.” Jeremiah 1:19

Paul ... “...Do not be afraid ... for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you...” Acts 18:9-10

- ❖ Jesus modeled a life lived “with” God!

↳ Jesus communed with His Father, listened to and obeyed the Father’s will, and surrendered His will to the ultimate plan and purpose of God.

↳ Jesus’ disciples followed Him, spent most of their time with Him, observed His interactions with people, and saw firsthand His close relationship with His heavenly Father during their time of preparation!

↳ Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27

2. “... and He might send them out to preach”

- ❖ Jesus’ public ministry began with Him preaching the good news of the kingdom.

Matthew 4:17 “From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

- ❖ Jesus sent His disciples to proclaim the good news to the nations!

📖 Luke 24:44-49

- ❖ The disciples received power to be His witnesses!

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

❖ Peter and John proclaimed the resurrection!

Acts 4:1-2 “And as [Peter and John] were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.”

↳ The resurrection proved the Deity of Christ!

Romans 1:4 “[His Son, who] was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,”

↳ The religious leaders recognized that Peter and John had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13 “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.”

3. “... and have authority to cast out demons.”

❖ The satanic world had been exposed by Jesus!

❖ Jesus was the example of proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God.

📖 Acts 10:34-43

❖ Jesus imparted authority to His disciples to cast out demons from people!

Luke 10:17 “The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!’”

❖ Jesus’ disciples exercised this authority as they went about preaching the gospel!

Acts 8:7 “For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.”

... Paul in Philippi ... Acts 16:16-18

... Paul in Ephesus ... Acts 19:11-12

❖ Jesus had compassion on people and saw them harassed and helpless – He sent His disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven and, through the power of Christ, see people set free from the power of demons!

📖 Matthew 9:35-10:8

The three essentials of the call of God...

To be with Jesus

To preach the good news of the gospel

To take authority over demonic spirits!

Endnotes:

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