

Primary Calling

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Do you remember when someone you liked called you on the phone? To know that he liked you enough to CALL you was the greatest feeling! The fact that he initiated contact with you gave you sheer thrills. And if he said he just called to hear your voice... well, that was the ultimate!

Why did God call you and me? Do you ever wonder what He sees in you? What was He thinking when He chose us to be His own? And why do we sometimes so easily believe that we have to earn His love?

To understand our primary calling, we have to go back to the beginning. God created Adam and Eve for FELLOWSHIP with Him. Of course, He longed for their willing obedience and cooperation, but even that was to be a fruit of their love for Him. It was all about love and intimacy, and it still is.

Look at the definition of **call**, **called** or **calling**: to invite/invitation, to appoint/ appointment, summon, call to oneself, command to come to.

There are at least 40 biblical calls that apply to the believer. Among them:

Called out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9)

Called to be saints (Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:2)

Called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)

Called unto liberty (Galatians 5:13)

Called to His eternal glory (1 Peter 5:10)

Of all the beautiful and profound callings of God upon His people, the calling to be in unbroken and eternal fellowship with Him is the highest!

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

The word **fellowship** means partnership, communion, communication, intercourse, contribution and distribution, literally, sharing everything.

In cultivating this depth of relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we learn that all else flows out of this fountain. It is true that we are called to many good works as Christians, and these good works must stem from the vine of oneness with the One who created us. See John 15:1-11, about the true vine. The word **abide** is used 10 times in this passage! It means to stay, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, wait for, stand, tarry.

Let us fervently and without apology abandon lesser pursuits for vibrant and growing fellowship with our Lord. In this alone will we find the true reason for living. Our primary calling is to be joined completely with Him, now and forever. Whatever stands in the way of this is of no value!