

THE RECIPE FOR GOD'S UNDEFEATABLE PURPOSE

Ingredient #3: His Effective Call

Romans 8:28-30

Introduction:

● Sources of authority that most rely upon

1. Phil _____
 - a. Ancient Greek – universe has two elements in battle with each other (water and f _____)
 - b. Atheist – there is no G _____
 - c. Religious – if I am g _____ than God will accept me
2. Ex _____
 - a. If you find yourself speaking non-sensical utterances, are you speaking in tongues? _____
 - b. Have your senses ever fooled you?
3. Tr _____
 - a. Everyone has traditions, and they are difficult to abandon.
 - b. Jesus c _____ traditions that violated God's word

● Our ultimate source of authority should be God's w _____

1. E _____ your philosophies, experiences and traditions by God's word.
2. Your experience of coming to Christ in faith must be evaluated by God's word. Have you properly understood your salvation experience? Today we are going to look at God's effective call.

What is the Definition of God's Call?

● Is God's calling the preaching of the gospel?

1. Jesus compared a w _____ feast to the kingdom of heaven in a parable (Matt 22)
 - a. Summary – a king sent out slaves to invite certain people to the wedding feast of his son. They refused to come, so he sent slaves to invite whomever they came across. One person came without wedding clothes and was cast out.
 - b. The point of the parable – many are called but few are c _____
2. In this parable the word "calling" is used to refer to the i _____ of the gospel, which is to come to Christ in faith; the word "chosen" is used to refer to those who actually came to Christ in faith.
3. The answer to the question "Is God's calling the preaching of the gospel?" is _____ since in Romans 8:30, a _____ those who are called by God are justified and glorified.

● God's calling is God personally interacting with the g _____ and a person's h _____.

1. Rom 1:16 – the gospel is the p _____ of God for salvation to all those who believe (trust in Christ).
2. Rom 3:11 – no one s _____ God (on their own)
3. 2Cor 4:4 – Satan has b _____ the minds of unbelievers so that they might not see the light of the gospel
4. 2Cor 3:16 – the blindfold over the h _____ is lifted by the Spirit when a person turns to the Lord (in faith).

How Effective is God's Call?

● God's calling, according to Rom 8:30, is: (circle one)

1. 10% effective
2. 50% effective
3. 90% effective
4. 100% effective

● The unpopular words of Jesus in Jn 6

1. Verse 44 – *No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me d _____ him*
2. Verse 65 – *No one can come to Me, unless it has been g _____ him from the Father.*
3. These words caused many followers to s _____ following Jesus (v. 66).
4. It is human nature to want to take some c _____ for our good standing with God (but see Eph 2:9 – there is no room for b _____)

● Does God "force" people to accept Christ?

1. The word “draw” in Jn 6:44 does not mean to drag as it does in other contexts. It’s basic meaning is to bring from one point to another. In this context it means to a_____.
2. God’s calling is like a refreshing glass of w_____ set before us in a desert.

What is the Purpose of God’s Call?

- To s_____ people (He must save people from every t_____, tongue, nation, and class of people – Rev 5:9,10)
- To use us who are called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28) to accomplish His p_____ of bringing others to Christ (Isaiah 46:10,11 – *a man of My purpose*).