

Them He Also Called

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I. Five words of salvation: Foreknow—Predestinate—Called—Justified—Glorified

A. An interlinked, unbreakable chain—Every ‘whom’ becomes a ‘them’

B. ‘He’ is the subject of each action verb—Whom/them are the objects of the action

C. ‘Called’

—God’s method to raise the spiritually dead to spiritual life—‘Born again’

—Most miss the Bible truth that ‘called’ is entirely an act of God

Joh 3:8 *The wind bloweth where it listeth...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

II. ‘Called’ is the voice of God speaking spiritual life into the spiritually dead

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when **the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.**

Joh 5:28 Marvel not at this: for **the hour is coming**, in the which **all that are in the graves shall hear his voice**,

Joh 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth **whom he will.**

Joh 10:27 **My sheep hear my voice**, and I know them, and they follow me:

Joh 10:16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and **they shall hear my voice**; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

Eph 2:1 And **you hath he quickened**, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath **quickened** us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

III. Bible scholars once called this '*called*' the '*effectual call*'—(The term is nearly lost)

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are **the called according to his purpose**.

Rom 9:24 Even us, **whom he hath called**, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and **called us** with an holy **calling**, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Rom 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, **but of him that calleth**;))

Gal 1:15 ...God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and **called me** by his grace,

1Th 5:23 ...*I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Th 5:24 Faithful *is* he that **calleth** you, who also will do *it*.

1Co 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Co 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom ye were **called** unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus...

IV. Eternal life is by God's call to the sinner—Not the sinner's call to God

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also **called**...

A. It must be God's call—Natural man '*will not*' and '*cannot*' come to God for life

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

Joh 6:65 ...no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

B. Man's unbelief or lack of calling to God do not hinder God's chain of salvation

Rom 3:3-4 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid...

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

V. The New Testament analogies of 'called' to life teach man's inability

A. God's calling His child to spiritual life is pictured as the child being born

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

—Can a man cause his own birth? What did you do before you were you?

B. God's calling to spiritual life is pictured as a raising from the dead

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

—Can a dead man help resurrect himself? How dead is dead?

C. God's calling to spiritual life is pictured as God creating a new creature

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature...

—Can the yet-to-be-created help create himself? Did Adam help God make Adam?

D. All three Bible analogies teach that man is passive in the 'effectual call'

VI. It is God who comes and gives the ability to believe

Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering...faith,

Eph 1:19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead...

—Those who have been 'called' hear preaching differently to those who have not

1Co 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

1Co 1:24 But unto them which are **called**, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

VI. 'Called' is by God's irresistible grace

A. 'Called' is not the unborn, still-dead, yet-to-be-created calling to God

B. 'Called' is not those who 'will not come' and 'cannot come' someday coming

C. 'Called' does not hinge on 'ifs', 'ands' or 'buts'

—God does not save, **'if'** the sinner will just 'call' to God

—God does not do His part, **'and'** all the sinner has to do is 'call'

—God does not save by grace, **'but'** the sinner has to 'call' —so grace can be grace

D. 'Called' is a one-way, life-giving, borning again call from God to the sinner

E. 'Called' is God's unassisted, no-help-needed, life-giving born again

F. 'Called' is the sinner's only hope

G. 'Called' gives all the glory to God

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