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CALLED TO FREEDOM

At the moment of grace salvation, every Church Age Believer (CAB) is **called (kaleo) [Aorist / Passive / Indicative, 2nd person plural]** to spiritual freedom (Gal.5:13).

- **Aorist tense**
 - A point in past time when they were saved through Paul's preaching of the Grace Gospel (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16).
- **Passive voice**
 - Having received God's Grace call to freedom (Eph.2:8-9).
- **Indicative mood**
 - The reality of the call to freedom in plan of God's (Gal.5:13).
- **Second person plural (Ya'll)**
 - The call to freedom is part of the package of Grace Salvation given to every Church Age Believer (CAB) (Gal.5:1, 13).

This lesson will study three aspects of Called to Freedom.

1. Called to spiritual freedom is one of five important doctrinal principles of the Grace Salvation in the Plan of God discussed by Paul in Rom.8:28-30.

Let's begin by identifying these five important doctrinal principles recorded in Rom.8:28-30.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. CALLED _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

2. Next let's note the premise of the Christian way of life (CWL) in which these five are mentioned.

(Rom.8:28) "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good **to those** who love God, **to those** who are called according to His purpose."

Pay attention to the phrase "to those" used twice in the NASB translation (Rom.8:28).

- **To those** who love God (tois) [definite article – WHO (agapao) LOVE (p.a.ptc.dplm) God
- **To those** who are (tois eimi) WHO ARE (p.a.ptc.dplm) **called** according to His purpose (prothesis) [The Plan of God].

3. Paul used the preposition (epi+locative) [Divine Purpose) as a bridge between Called and Freedom in (Gal.5:13a) “For you were called to (epi) freedom, brethren.”

NOTE: Paul is teaching us that we have been called with the divine purpose of embracing the truth of spiritual freedom. Every Church Age Believer (CAB) has been called **from** something **to** something.

- Every CAB has been **called out from** slavery of the 13 judicial charges of Adam’s Original Sin (AOS)
- Every CAB has been **called to** spiritual freedom (Rom.5:12-21) (Salvation).

4. At the moment of grace salvation, every CAB is given the title “Lord’s Freedman” (Positional Truth) (1 Cor.7:22-23; 1 Pet.2; 16; Gal.3:27)

- **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**
- **Recipient of the 20 status privileges given at the moment of salvation.**

NOTE: This time Paul used the preposition **apo** by attaching it to the front of eleutheria (freedom). By adding apo to the front, it intensifies the meaning of freedom (apo/eleutheros) [from what – to what]. This tells the reader that the content of discussion is important to its interpretation (1 Cor.7:17-24) “called and marriage” (Rom.8:28).

- Note that the word called is used 7 times in (1 Cor.7:17-24) (apply called to freedom).