

Seven Key Doctrines of the Christian Church **(Doctrine of One Hope of Calling)**

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We are currently studying Paul's list of seven doctrines that separate the Christian church from the religions of the world. In this study we will discuss the third of seven doctrines listed in Eph.4:4-6,

(Eph.4:4-6) "There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were **called to the one hope** that belongs to your call - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all".

This lesson our first lesson on our third doctrine listed in Eph.4:4-6, **One Hope of your Calling**.

- The etymology of the Hebrew and Greek words for Calling give doctrinal insight into our study of One Hope of your Calling.
 - The Hebrew verb is **qara** and emphasizes the message of God's invitational calling.
 - The Greek verb is **kaleo** and emphasizes the RSVP response to God's invitational calling.

This lesson will study four aspects of the Doctrine of the One Hope of your Calling.

1. God's invitational call to grace salvation through the gospel of Jesus Christ is extended to all mankind and not just any one segment of mankind (John 1:29; 3:16; 1 Pet.1:18-21).

(1 John 2:2) "And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not our only, but also for those of **the whole world.**" (unlimited atonement)

(2 pter.3:9) "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing for any to perish **but for all** to come to repentance (metanoia)."

(Titus 2:11) "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation **to all men.**

(Gal.1:6) "**I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel.**"

The Grace gospel:

(1 Cor.15:3-4) ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

(Rom.1:16) ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

(Eph.2:8-9) ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

(Heb.2:9) “But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, **so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.**”

2. **A faith response to the invitation of God’s calling to grace salvation results in every believer being rescued from the dominion of darkness and being transferred into the kingdom of the Beloved Son.**

(Col.1:13) “For **He rescued us** from the domain of darkness and **transferred us** to the kingdom of His beloved Son.” (Acts 26:18)

(1 Pet.2:9) “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, people of God’s own possession, **so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.**”

3. **Every Church Age Believer receives the same One Hope of Calling in the package of grace salvation 50 Things FREE - 20 Status Privileges.**

(2 Thess.1:13-14) “But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning (Eph.1:4) for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith and truth. **It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

(1 John 3:1) “See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.”

4. **God’s invitational call into grace salvation through the gospel of Jesus Christ is irrevocable.**

(Rom.11:29) “For the gifts and the calling are irrevocable” (ameteleutos) [without regret or change of purpose - not possible to revoke].

Once called into salvation means always called because of the character of God, and not of the character of man.

(1 Cor.1:9) “**God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**” (John 14:6)

(1Thess. 5:24) “Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring to pass.”

Your assurance to One Hope of your Calling comes from cycling this doctrinal information by faith.

(2 Tim.3:16-17) ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

(2Thess.1:11-12) “To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, **so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.**”

(1Thess.5:10-11) “After you have suffered for a little while, **the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.** To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.”