

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

A mini-series the Universality of the Christian Church

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(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, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all”.

This lesson our second 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.

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This lesson will study four aspects of part two of the doctrine of One Hope of Calling.

1. **The called of God are all those who have responded by faith to God’s RSVP invitation to grace salvation through the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).**

Are you saved? Then you are the called of God!

- But for what reason?
- This lesson will help you understand why you are Called of God.

Jesus told the religious leaders of His day why He was called by God:

(Luke 5:32) “I have NOT come to call the righteous **But sinners** to repentance.”
(Luke 5:29-32; 1 Tim.1:15; Rom.10:13)

“Called as saints.”

(Rom.1:7) ⁷ to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called *as* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(2 Thess.2:13-14) “But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this that He called through our gospel, **that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**” (2 Pet.1:3-4)

(1 Pet.2:9) “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a 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.”

2. Every believer called through the gospel of grace salvation has been called into one eternal Plan of God.

- (phase 1) Salvation
- (phase 2) The believer in time
- (phase 3) The believer eternal with Christ

(Heb.9:12) “And not though the blood of goats and calves, **but through His own blood**, He entered the holy place **once for all**, having obtained **eternal redemption.**”

Paul laid down five importance foundational doctrine for assurance of salvation in Rom.8:29-30:

- Foreknowledge
- Predestination (past)
- Called
- Justified (present)
- Glorified (future)

Now connect called (Rom.8:30 with 8:28).

3. Called of God is ONE of TWENTY status privileges listed the package of 50 Things every believer receive and never lose in time or eternally (eternal redemption/ Heb.9:12).

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

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

(Heb.9:15b) “...those **who have been called** may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”

4. While every believer receives the same calling in salvation, this is not true with the Christian way of life.

All church age believers receive eight works of The Spirit at the point of salvation.

One of the eight works is the assignment of a spiritual gift; but each believer receives a different one for the body ministry of the church (1 Cor. 12:12-27). And the operation of it is volitional. In the same way, all church age believers are born again by the Spirit, but their spiritual growth is volitional (1 Pet.2:2: Heb.5:13-14).

Every church age believer is an ambassador of Christ (2Cor.5:17-21) but application of it is volitional and different. For example the service of ambassadorship can involve different callings: home and foreign mission work, School of Biblical Theology (SBT), electronic and internet ministry, Christian camps, Teen Crusades, Billy Graham, Youth for Christ, Campus Crusade, home bible studies, retention centers, rehab center, women and children shelters, jails, retirement homes and villages, after school children ministry (apt/ schools/ shelters for children).

There are different **secular vocational callings**, such as Joseph of family of Jacob and King David that are important to God and His plan (1 Cor.7:7-24). **Every church age believer is a priest** for ministries within the Church (1 Pet.2:5, 9): hospital visitation, benevolence, shut-in’s visitation, spiritual music, counseling, prayer, widow and senior needs, nursery staff, Bible teachers for young people just to mention a few.