

CONSIDER YOUR CALLING

Paul opened the context of (1 Cor.1:26-31) with “For consider your calling, brethren.” Paul began with the inferential conjunction (gar) [for]. An **inferential conjunction** draws a conclusion from facts or premises previously stated. It refers to what Paul taught in (1 Cor.1:18-25) regarding the Superiority of the Wisdom of God over the wisdom of the world.

This lesson will study four aspects of the doctrine of Consider Your Calling.

1. It is interesting that Paul used the Greek word, blepo (p.a. impv.2pl) [to see or to consider], as a command to the Corinthians.

Blepo means to see or to look with observation (the eye to mind contact for information). As a believer, have you looked around you and observed the two systems of wisdoms in opposition to one another? (Luke 15:11-17)

- **Darkness** Wisdom of world
- **Light** Wisdom of God

- **Do you realize what you have been saved from and what you have been saved to?**
- **How has the gospel of grace salvation changed your life choices?**
- **Do you understand the darkness you lived in before Christ and light of Christ you are living after salvation?**

(Acts 25:18) “**To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me (Christ).**”

2. Consider your calling, brethren, you were physically born under the foolishness of the wisdom of the world because of Adam’s Original Sin. [[13 judicial charges](#)] (Rom.5:12-21).

Paul is saying: You were born outside the Wisdom of God system,

- And as such you “**did not know God.**” You did not know of the intimate relationship that God desires to with you (John 3:1-21).
- “For since in the wisdom of God **the world through its wisdom did not know God**, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached (1 Cor.1:18) [Word of the Cross] to save those who believe.” (1 Cor.1:21)
- “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’” (Rom.8:15-17; Gal.4:4-7)

3. Every Church Age Believer is rescued from the domain of the wisdom of world and transferred into the kingdom of the Beloved Son and into the Wisdom of God by faith in the gospel of grace salvation (1 Cor.1:18, 21, 24, 30).

TWO CIRCLES OF SYSEYEM OF WISDOM



As a child of God, every believer has access to God's Omniscience because of his / her relationship with their heavenly Father when studying the word of God.

It is God's desire to share it with His born-again children:

(1 Pet.2:2) “**Like** newborn (artigennetos) babies (brephos), long for the pure milk, **so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.**” (the mother's birth milk)

(1 Pet.1:23) “**For you were born again** not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.”

(1 Pet.1:3) “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be **born again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

4. **Let us consider physical death by comparing it to the wisdom of world system and then to the Wisdom of God's system.**

The wisdom of world thinks that all your happiness is attached to good times with people and activities of life during your time on earth (birth to death). That is all there is to life.

(Luke 12:19-20) “I say to my soul (inter-dialogue), ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come, **take ease, eat, drink, and be merry.** But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?’” (Isa.22:13; 56:12)

LIFE AFTER DEATH (2 COR.5:6-8; Gal.2:20; Phil.1:20-23; Rom.14:7-9)

(1 Cor.15:32) “If from human motive I fought with wild beast at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, **‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.’**”

(1 Cor.15:13-14) “But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our **preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.**”

(1 Cor.15:19) “If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are **of all men most to be pitied.**”

(1 Cor.15:50) “**Now I say this, brethren**, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.”