

FOUNDATIONS

LESSON 40: EFFECTUAL CALLING

Big Question: *How does a person, go from being dead in their sins and hostile to God, unable to come to God on His own, to one who loves God, loves His commands, and inherits eternal life?*

I. The Context (our natural condition)

- A. Ephesians 2:1-3
- B. Ephesians 4:18
- C. 1 Corinthians 2:14

II. The “General Call”

- A. Two possibilities: John 3:16
- B. Two paths: Matthew 7:13
- C. Many soils: Matthew 13:3-9, 19-23

III. Outward Identification vs. Inward Transformation

- A. Consider Israel
 - 1. Deuteronomy 1:34-36
 - 2. 1 Kings 19:14, 18
- B. Consider the “visible church:” Matthew 7:21-23
- C. Consider Jesus’ disciples: John 6:66-69

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IV. The Holy Spirit and the Effectual Call

A. Christians are “the called-out ones”

1. To be saints: 1 Corinthians 1:2
2. According to promise: Acts 2:39
3. According with His Love: Romans 1:7
4. Into God’s Kingdom and Glory: 1 Thessalonians 2:12
5. Into fellowship with Christ: 1 Corinthians 1:9
6. Into Joy: 1 Peter 5:10
7. Into Godliness: 2 Peter 1:3
8. Not according to works: 2 Timothy 1:9

B. How does Effectual Calling Work?

1. John 6:63-65
2. 1 Corinthians 3:21-24
3. John 6:68-69
4. Romans 8:26-30

C. The Holy Spirit secures us to the end

1. Philippians 2:12-13
2. Romans 8:6, 13-14

V. Pictures

A. Lydia: Acts 16:14

B. Lazarus: John 11:38-44

VI. Applications