

THE CALL



Recap

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- Our PRIMARY CALL is to intimacy with God
- We are not primarily called to do something or go somewhere,
- We are called TO SOMEONE.

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- Our **SECONDARY CALL** is to be like Christ
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- We are called to **BE SOMEONE.**

Ephesians 2

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¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, *created in Christ Jesus to do good works*, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

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¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace,

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¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

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¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

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18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

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¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

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²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

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²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Call to Christlikeness

Like Him

Rom 8

⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Like Him

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness, from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Like Him

1 John 3:2

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Like Him

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- Openness to God

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- Openness to God
 - Listening Ear, Indwelling Spirit

Like Him

- Openness to God and others
 - Listening Ear, Indwelling Spirit
 - Those like Him should be good listeners—
to God, one another, and the world.

Like Him

- Openness to God and others
- Kingdom Focused (obsessed)

Like Him

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- Readiness to sacrifice and suffer

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 - Both big and small

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- Expert lover

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- The degree to which one is IN CHRIST is the degree to which one will be LIKE CHRIST.

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- Reflect and Restore the Image of God

Col. 1

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

Close But No Cigar

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Luke 6

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

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Matt 7

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

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²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Application

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Application

- Celebrate the “Get to’s”
- Pray for God’s help for the “Have to’s”
- See everyone as an image bearer
- Repent of your religion/Pharisaism

John Fischer, *Twelve Steps for the Recovering Pharisee (like Me)*

We admit that our single most unmitigated pleasure is to judge other people.

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Have come to believe that our means of obtaining greatness is to make everyone lower than ourselves in our own mind.

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Realize that we detest mercy being given to those who, unlike us, haven't worked for it and don't deserve it.

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Have decided that we don't want to get what we deserve after all, and we don't want anyone else to either.

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Will cease all attempts to apply teaching and rebuke to anyone but ourselves.

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Are ready to have God remove all these
defects of attitude and character.

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Embrace the belief that we are, and will
always be, experts at sinning.

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Are looking closely at the lives of famous men and women of the Bible who turned out to be ordinary sinners like us.

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Are seeking through prayer and meditation to make a conscious effort to consider others better than ourselves.

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Embrace the state of astonishment as a permanent and glorious reality.

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Choose to rid ourselves of any attitude that is not bathed in gratitude.

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Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we will try to carry this message to others who think that Christians are better than everyone else.

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- Realize how important it is (what is at stake)

E. M. Bounds

“The Church is looking for better methods.
God is looking for better people.”

John Welsey

“Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on Earth.”

G. K. Chesterton

“The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried.”

Friederich Nietzsche

“I will believe in the Redeemer when his followers look more redeemed.”

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