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2013 Basic Doctrines (11) (The Irrevocable Call of God)

This is a second study of the basic doctrine of Called of God. 1st Study

Today's lesson will study five aspects of the Irrevocable Call of God to Grace Salvation taken from (Rom.11:29).

1. The Call of God to grace salvation is irrevocable (ametameletos) [Without regret; relent or repent]

(Rom.11:29) "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."

When the Bible says that God regrets or doesn't regret, it is expressing an anthropopathism. An anthropopathism is ascribing to God a human characteristic of emotion which He does not possess but is used to explain God's policy in human terms.

(Num.23:19) "God is not man that He should lie; nor a son of man, that He should repent (nacham / hithpael impf) [to feel remorse or feeling of deep regret]."

We will mention three examples of melameletos or nacham: (Gen.6:6), (Jonah 3:9-10; 4:2) and (Matt.21:28-32). There is also an OT prophet named Nachum.

(Rom.11:29) "For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]"; Amplified Bible) Why is the Calling of God irrevocable?

- 2. The Irrevocable Calling of God is based on the character and integrity of God and the perfect plan of God, and not on mankind.
 - (1 Cor.1:9) "God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Cor.1:21-31)
 - (1 Thess.5:24) "Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass." (2 Pet.1:3))

This is true because IRREVOCABLE is based on Veracity (truthfulness) and Immutability (unchanging) of the Character of God.

Since the Call of God is irrevocable and it is 1 of 50 things in the package of grace salvation, everything within the package of grace salvation is IRREVOCABLE.

3. We learned from (Matt.22:1-14) that Called of God is the invitation side of gospel; while chosen of God is the (RSVP) faith side of the gospel of grace salvation (2 Thess.2:13-14; Gal.1:6).

God extends a universal call to grace salvation on basis of faith (2 Pet.3:9; Titus 2:11; John 3:16; Heb.2:9; 1 John 2:2; Luke 5:31-32; 19:10) [Unlimited Atonement]

The Called of God are all who respond (RSVP) to the gospel invitation of grace salvation through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

All Church Age Believers (CAB) receive the Irrevocable Call of God to grace salvation.

(Eph.4:4) "There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were **called in one hope of your calling**." (Heb.9:15; 10:9-10)

4. Every Called of God is rescued from Spiritual Darkness of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) and transferred into the Spiritual Light of Jesus Christ (1 Pet.2:9; Col.1:13-14; Acts 26:18; Matt.9:13).

Every called of God is secured by the grace of God in all three phases of the plan of God.

Phase I: (Salvation)

(1 John 3:1) "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called <u>children of God</u>; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him." (Rom.11:2; 2 Tim.1:9)

Phase II: The Believer in Time (Christian Way if Life) (CWL)

(Eph.1:18) "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." (Eph.4:4; Col.3:15; 1 Pet.1:15; 2 Thess.1:11)

Phase III: The Believer in eternity

(**Heb.3:1**) "Therefore, holy brethren, <u>partakers of a heavenly calling</u>, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession." (2 Pet.1:10-11)

5.	In (2 Thess.2:13-14), Paul identified 6 of the 20 Status Privileges of the package of grace salvation (50 Things).
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	Paul linked Called of God with three other Status Privileges of salvation with the use of the Greek preposition as grammatical marker (eis+accusative of divinely decreed purpose).
	1 st "Because God has chosen you from the beginning <u>FOR</u> (eis) salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith by the truth." (2 Thess.2:13)
	2 nd "It was <u>FOR</u> (eis) this He called you through our gospel." (2 Thess.2:14a)

The Called of God are those who have accepted the Call (of Salvation) by faith (RSVP).

3rd "SO THAT (eis) you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thess.2:14b); (Rom.8:28-30)

The Called of God becomes the Chosen (elect) of God which are Irrevocable, Because of the Grace of God.