

CALLED INTO FELLOWSHIP

Our lesson comes from the context of (1 Cor.1:4-9); where Paul listed seven things for which he was thankful to God:

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| Grace (vs.4) | Spiritual gifted ministry (vs.7) |
| Spiritual wealth (vs.5) | Permanent sanctification (vs.8) |
| Confirmed to end (vs.6) | God's faithfulness (vs.9a) |
| | Called into fellowship with God's Son (vs.9) |

(1 Cor1:9) "God (~~is~~) faithful, **through whom** you were called (kaleo/ a.p.ind.2pl) into (eis+accusative of extent) fellowship (koinonia) of His (autos/ gsm) (the) Son, Jesus Christ our (the) Lord."

This lesson will study four aspects of what Paul meant by Called into Fellowship of His Son and our Lord.

(1 Cor.1:26a) "For consider your calling, brethren."

- 1. Paul closed our context to the Corinthians church by boasting on God's faithfulness and then listed things common to all believers that maybe some didn't know and maybe others had not given proper thinking to in their Christian Walk.**

This is my intent with today's lesson for us.

- God's faithfulness is the key behind being called into fellowship with God's Son.
 - **Phase I:** Salvation (1 Cor.1:9).
- But it is also the key to:
 - **Phase II:** The Christian Way of Life (1 Cor10:13; 1 John 1:9)
 - **Phase III:** The Believer in Eternity (Heb.10:23; 1 Cor.1:8).

Our assurance of God's faithfulness comes from believing the Word of God (2 Thess.3:1-5).

(Rom.4:20-21) "Yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what He had promised, he was able also to perform." (Abraham)

- 2. Every believer is called into fellowship with God's Son the moment they believed that Jesus Christ died for all the sins of the human race, the He was buried and raised from the dead on the third day. (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9)**

In (1 Cor.1:9), the Greek word used for 'called' is kaleo (**aor.pas.ind.2pl**).

- **Aorist tense** is point in time connected with a point in past time
 - The moment we believe the gospel we are called into fellowship of God's Son.
- **Passive voice** is the subject receiving the grace benefits.
 - Having been called by the Baptism of The Spirit, placing us into Christ (Gal.3:27).
- **Indicative mood** is the reality of being called into fellowship with His Son.

- **2nd person plural** extends it to everyone at moment of salvation.

(2 Tim.1:9) “Who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.”

3. Fellowship is the Greek word (koinonia).

Koinonia refers to sharing or participating. In our lesson text it refers to the person and work of Jesus Christ regarding salvation.

(Phil.1:5-6) “In view of your participation (koinonia) **in the gospel from the first day until now**. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus (Rapture).”

(1 Cor1:2) “To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.”

4. Our God call to salvation is irrevocable (ametameletos/ without change of purpose or regret. (Rom.11:29; Eph.1:18).

Paul mentioned two things given to every believer in salvation that are irrevocable.

- For **the gifts**
- For **the calling of God**

(Rom.11:29) “for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable”.

Peter tells us why irrevocable is important.

(1 Pet.5:10) “After you have suffered for a little while, **the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.**”

(Heb.3:1) Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession;

Jesus tells us:

(Lk. 5:32) “I have not come to call the righteous but the sinner to repentance.”

Paul reminds us that:

(2 Thess. 2:13-14) “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. ¹⁴ It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”