

Everything!

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Called:

To command or request to come.

To summon as if by divine command: *He felt called to the ministry.*

To summon to an office, duty, etc.

Being Called by God is essentially about four things

Entrance: acceptance and benefit without initiative.

Opportunity: invitation to participate.

Possibility: for purpose.

Transformation: everything changes. True Hope!

Being Called changes everything about everything forever!

We often focus mostly on the "What" of a Call: what is it? What are the benefits?

First, we must understand the "WHO" of the Call: GOD calls us!

For example, how would you respond if these people called you: (Nick with godfather music; Joe with Beatles music; Bush & Obama with all hail o the Chief.)

Being called changes everything about everything because of Who it is that calls us. In Him, even the smallest call results in the biggest changes!

In Him, change is always tied to Son Transformation, Sinner Transformation and Societal Transformation because He invests FULLY in those He calls and in what He calls them to.

Son Transformation

"Christ the Hope of glory in you". Jesus called and is still calling and will not stop calling until you are with Him in Heaven.

His Calling is a life journey to be lived out with His Life!

Sinner Transformation

"You were called out of darkness into His marvelous Light".

Societal Transformation

When the early Church responded to Christ's call through Peter on the Day of Pentecost, everything changed forever – for their culture, their cities, their nation and the wider world.

2 Fine Examples: Individual and Corporate - everything changes for these men:

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From God's perspective, Cephas was always Peter – before time began. Christ calling him finally releases him into his God ordained life.

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Here we witness everything change: Son, sinner and society transformation.

HE calls the disciples – it's WHO calls us!

He calls the DISCIPLES – sinners to saints – everything changes!

SOCIETY is transformed as a result of their calling: what did the deliverances and healings end up producing over generations?

Being Called changes everything about everything: in our Church & lives

Why are you in Masoyi? Because He called me!

Why are you in McGathens? Because He called me!

Why are you in business? Because He called me?

What if everything isn't changing?

If things are not changing, maybe you aren't living up to your calling.

If things haven't changed enough, maybe you aren't living out your calling.

If you're frustrated, maybe you've stopped following your calling.

How do I release His CALL in my life?

Entrance: acceptance and benefit without initiative.

Have I received this?

Opportunity: invitation to participate.

Have I taken it?

Possibility: for purpose.

Do I see it?

Transformation: everything changes. True Hope!

Am I living it?

I am a Christian! Therefore I am called!

Therefore everything has changed!

Therefore I will, by to His Truth, Call and Power, change everything!