

Sunday, May 29 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Walking in Our Calling

Series: Walking in Our Calling ... 1

Text: Ephesians 4:1 - 8

Purpose: I want to INFORM the congregation to learn about THEIR CALLING in Christ Jesus.

Introduction:

The Devotional from last Sunday was entitled, “Time for New Vision” and the text was Joshua 7:1 - 26

1. Remembering Past Victories
2. Remembering Past Failures
3. Reaching for the Prize of the Goal

~ calling: Romans 11:29,

1 Corinthians 1:26, 1 Corinthians 7:20, Ephesians 1:18,

Ephesians 4:1* and 4*, Philippians 3:14,

2 Thessalonians 1:11*, 2 Timothy 1:9*,

Hebrews 3:1, 2 Peter 1:10

(* indicates that the verse is either in the text or written in the outline)

1. Be Holy:

~ 1 Peter 1:14 – 17, “As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, (15) but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, (16) since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” (17) And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,”

~ 2 Corinthians 5:21, “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

~ 2 Timothy 1:9, “who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,”

~ 2 Thessalonians 1:11, “To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power,”

Holiness is the result of our position in Christ Jesus (salvation, the result of new birth) and the experiential work of the Holy Spirit in our inner man being worked out through our flesh (light and salt).

2. Be a Kingdom Citizen:

~ Ephesians 2:19, “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,”

~ Philippians 3:20, “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

~ Matthew 7:24 – 27, (24) “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

~ 1 Corinthians 3:10 – 15, (11) “For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (12) Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—(13) each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.”

~ 2 Corinthians 5:20, “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God”

3. Be a Servant:

~ Matthew 20:25 – 28, “But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. (26) It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, (27) and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, (28) even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.””

~ Paul: an apostle (Galatians 1:1), a servant (Philippians 1:1)

~ Luke 12:35 – 48, (35) “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning,”

~ John 12:26, “If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”

Conclusion:

2 Corinthians 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat (G968, bema) of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”

Matthew 25:23, “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’”