

Higher Calling

(Romans 1:2-7)

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As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. (Ephesians 4:1 NIV84)

Four truths that transformed the Apostle Paul:

I. Paul understood his _____.

Romans 1:1 NIV84 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God...

- A. _____ – “Slave” (GK: doulos)
- B. _____ – “Called one”
- C. _____ – “Holy”

Do you understand your true _____?

II. Paul understood the _____.

Romans 1:2 NIV84 ...the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures.

- A. _____ – “Good news”
- B. _____ – As revealed in OT (Galatians 1:6-9)
- C. _____ – “Interpreter or forth-teller”

Are you believing the right _____?

III. Paul understood that Jesus was both _____ and man.

Romans 1:3-4 NIV84 Regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

- A. _____ - How can Jesus be both David’s son & his Messiah?
Psalm 110:1 – most quoted Psalm in NT; Luke 20:41-44

Are you following the true _____?

IV. Paul understood our _____.

- A. We are “called” to share the Gospel of _____ with others.
Romans 1:5-6 NIV84 Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. ⁶ And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

- B. We are “called” _____ who possess grace and peace.
Romans 1:7 NIV84 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Have you responded to God’s _____? Do you know Him?

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you learn from this message?
2. If you were going to introduce yourself to a group of believers, what words would you use to describe yourself? How is this different than the Apostle Paul’s introduction?
3. Has anyone ever presented a different “gospel” to you? How can you know?
4. How would you describe God’s “call” on your life?
5. Have you responded to God’s “call”? Are you a believer? Briefly tell the story of how God got hold of your life.