

The Ordo Salutis

The Order of Salvation

A Study

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Step 6: The Effectual Call of the Gospel

Isaiah 58:1

Cry loudly, do not hold back; Raise your voice like a trumpet, And declare to My people their transgression And to the house of Jacob their sins.

Mark 16:15b

... Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

To Call (Earthly): To cry out in a loud voice; to shout; to command to come; to summon¹

To Call (Theological): God's "Call" for sinners to become united with Himself in every aspect of life- through Salvation in Jesus Christ- by the Gospel. This is also a "Call" to follow Jesus and to submit to His Ways.

Matthew 28:18b-20

18 ...All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Normally, when people discuss a "Calling" there are referring to someone being "Called" into the Ministry. And that is true. We are NOT to "Call" *ourselves* into the Ministry. To be in full-time Ministry MUST be in response to a Calling from God.

Galatians 1:11-24

11 For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it;

14 and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions.

¹ Dictionary.com

15 But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased
16 to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,
17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus.
18 Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days.
19 But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother.
20 (Now in what I am writing to you, I assure you before God that I am not lying.)
21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.
22 I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea which were in Christ;
23 but only, they kept hearing, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy."
24 And they were glorifying God because of me.

Yet, in the Bible, ALL believers are “Called” by God- FIRST to be saved; and SECONDLY to Obey.

Matthew 4:18-22

18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.
19 And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.
21 Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.
22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Luke 9:23-26

23 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.
24 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.
25 For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?
26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

The Acts 9:1-19

1 Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,
2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;
4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,
6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do."
7 The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.
8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.
9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.
10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."
11 And the Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying,
12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight."
13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem;
14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."
15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;
16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."
17 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."
18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized;
19 and he took food and was strengthened.

John 3:36

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

2 Thess 1:3-10

3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater;
4 therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.
5 This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.
6 For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,
7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,
8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed.

Hebrews 5:8-10

8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

10 being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

1Peter 1:1&2

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen

2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

1Peter 4:17

For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Yet some heed the Call- while others hesitate or reject the Call. Why? This distinction has NOTHING to do with either the Divine Call itself or the person heralding the Call of God (Preaching). The difference as to why SOME respond to the Divine Call in Faith while others don't- is the difference in the individuals themselves.

Luke 8:4-15

4 When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable:

5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up.

6 Other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

7 Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out.

8 Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great." As He said these things, He would call out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

9 His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable meant.

10 And He said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.

11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.

12 Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.

13 Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.

14 The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

15 But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

Notice that in all four cases- the Seed and the Sower were the same. The only difference was in the composition of the four different kinds of soils. Three of the soils had inherent characteristics that worked AGAINST receiving the Seed in the first place or of bearing Fruit once the Seed entered. Only in what Jesus called the “Good Soil” did the Seed take and bore Fruit.

This is the distinction between people. Only those whom God has ALREADY prepared (Sovereign Election)- will receive the Word of God and then bear godly Fruit. The rest of Humanity will hear the Divine Call- but will either categorically reject it; or will seemingly receive the Seed- but will bear NO Fruit. This tells us that all of Humanity- is divided into two groups:

1. The Elect
2. The non- Elect

... and this tells us that in the Bible, there are two types or categories of God’s “Call” toward sinners:

1. The “General Call” to everyone
2. The “Effectual Call” to the elect

... and both “Callings” consist of five parts:

1. Hear the Gospel
2. Believe the Gospel
3. Repent of Sin
4. Trust in Jesus and in His finished Work
5. Obey Jesus

The first four parts of the Divine Call MUST be done FIRST- because we are *already* sinners- who have *gladly* and *repeatedly* transgressed God’s Laws and Commandments; and are wholly Unrighteous; and headed for eternal Damnation. The fifth part of the Divine Call (Obedience) may be summed up by saying,

Mark 12:30b& 31b

... YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH... YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

... and can ONLY be accomplished AFTER we have been saved. So, the Divine Call is a CALL to:

- Hear
- Believe
- Repent
- Trust
- Obey

... which tells us that God *calls* us while we are yet Lost.

... to be continued

So, the first Part of the Divine Call of God is a Call to “Hear the Gospel”

I. All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, He is pleased in His appointed and accepted time effectually to call,(a) by His Word and Spirit,(b) out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ;(c) enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God,(d) taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh;(e) renewing their wills, and, by His almighty power determining them to that which is good,(f) and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ:(g) yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.(h)

- (a) [Rom. 8:30](#); [Rom. 11:7](#); [Eph. 1:10, 11](#).
- (b) II Thess. 2:13, 14; II Cor. 3:3, 6.
- (c) [Rom. 8:2](#); [Eph. 2:1, 2, 3, 4, 5](#); II Tim. 1:9, 10.
- (d) [Acts 26:18](#); [I Cor. 2:10, 12](#); [Eph. 1:17, 18](#).
- (e) [Ezek. 36:26](#).
- (f) [Ezek. 11:19](#); [Phil. 2:13](#); [Deut. 30:6](#); [Ezek. 36:27](#).
- (g) [Eph. 1:19](#); [John 6:44, 45](#).
- (h) [Cant. 1:4](#); [Ps. 110:3](#); [John 6:37](#); [Rom. 6:16, 17, 18](#).

II. This effectual call is of God’s free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man,(i) who is altogether passive therein, until being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit,(k) he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it.(l)

- (i) II Tim. 1:9; [Tit. 3:4, 5](#); [Eph. 2:4, 5, 8, 9](#); [Rom. 9:11](#).
- (k) [I Cor. 2:14](#); [Rom. 8:7](#); [Eph. 2:5](#).
- (l) [John 6:37](#); [Ezek. 36:27](#); [John 5:25](#).

III. Elect infants, dying in infancy, are regenerated, and saved by Christ through the Spirit,(m) who worketh when, and where, and how He pleaseth:(n) so also, are all other elect persons who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the Word.(o)

- (m) [Luke 18:15, 16](#), and [Acts 2:38, 39](#) and [John 3:3, 5](#) and [I John 5:12](#) & [Rom. 8:9](#) compared.
- (n) [John 3:8](#).
- (o) [I John 5:12](#); [Acts 4:12](#).

IV. Others, not elected, although they may be called by the ministry of the Word,(p) and may have some common operations of the Spirit,(q) yet they never truly come unto Christ, and therefore cannot be saved:(r) much less can men, not professing the Christian religion, be saved in any other way whatsoever, be they never so diligent to frame their lives according to the light of nature, and the law of that religion they do profess.(s) And to assert and maintain that they may, is very pernicious, and to be detested.(t)

- (p) [Matt. 22:14](#).

- (q) [Matt. 7:22](#); [Matt. 13:20, 21](#); [Heb. 6:4, 5](#).
- (r) [John 6:64, 65, 66](#); [John 8:24](#).
- (s) [Acts 4:12](#); [John 14:6](#); [Eph. 2:12](#); [John 4:22](#); [John 17:3](#).
- (t) II John ver. 9, 10, 11; [I Cor. 16:22](#); [Gal. 1:6, 7, 8](#).