



Sermon Notes

Called by His Glory
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From Pastor Chris's message "Relentless Love":

God's love is relentless. (Steady and persistent; refusing to quit)
Because of God's love for us, we should refuse to quit.

Two Parables (Mark 4:1-20, 26-29):

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed
The Parable of the Growing Seed
The Parable of the Mustard Seed

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed:

We can hear the message of God's love and still have difficulty believing and accepting it.
We need to be in pursuit of God and his love, just as God has relentlessly pursued us.
Our part is to pay attention to what we hear, to present ourselves to God with an open and honest heart, and by the power of the Holy Spirit to obey what we hear.

The Parable of the Growing Seed:

Everything that is needed to produce a harvest is in the seed.
We do not make the seed produce a harvest, it will produce on its own.
Our part is to prepare the soil of our hearts so that the life that is in the seed will not be scorched by the sun, or choked out by the thorns, or worse yet, eaten by the birds.

God's Growth Cycle (2 Peter 1:3-11):

2 Peter 1:3 - His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.
The call of God is an eternal calling.

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Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been **called according to his purpose**. (Emphasis added)
2 Timothy 1:9 - He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but **because of his own purpose and grace**. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, (Emphasis added)



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Ephesians 1:4 - *For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will*

Romans 8:29 - *For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters (Emphasis added). God calls us according to his eternal purpose and he gives us his grace so that his purpose can be fulfilled.*

Romans 8:30 - **And those he predestined, he also called**; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

One commentator said of this verse that the call of God is not an external call - an invitation coming to our ears only, but an internal call that goes to the heart. (Enduring Word Commentary on Romans 8:30)

Many are called, but few are chosen (Matthew 22:14).

We can respond to God for salvation, but then make excuses as to why we can't follow him in the way of righteousness.

Not only does God call us but he also justifies us.

Romans 8:30 - *And those he predestined, he also called; **those he called, he also justified**; those he justified, he also glorified.*

To be justified is to be seen by God just as if we have never sinned.

Romans 3:25-26

25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Acts 13:38-39 - *38 "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.*

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God calls us by his glory so that we might share in his glory.



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2 Corinthians 3:7-18

God's eternal purpose for us to be conformed to the image of his Son is accomplished by the presence of His Holy Spirit in our lives, and His work in us is glorious!

2 Corinthians 4:17 - *For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.*

We make our calling and election sure by continuing to work out our salvation with fear and trembling knowing that it is God that is at work within us to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose (2 Peter 1:10; Philippians 2:12-13).

God has given the invitation. He has provided everything we need. Now, he waits for us to accept the invitation to share in his glory. To do our part. The One who has called us is faithful.

1 Corinthians 1:7-9 - *7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our LORD Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our LORD Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our LORD.*

Let's come before the One who has called us with an honest and open heart. Let's co-operate with him as he conforms us to the image of the Son by the power of His Holy Spirit. So that we can reflect his glory and one day when we see him, we will be like him and we will not be ashamed at his coming.

