



GEORGE

23rd September 2018

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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2 Tim. 2:15

2 Tim. 3:16-17

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Our "Call" to Service

By - Mike Freese

What is a "call" of God? We often hear missionaries speak of being called to serve in the mission field. But is a call only for missionary preachers? Not really, for Jesus calls us to serve in different ways in different situations.

There is a call to discipleship. This is the primary call to follow Jesus. Jesus called two sets of brothers—Peter and Andrew, James and John—to follow him (see Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20). These men had believed what Jesus was teaching, enjoyed listening to Jesus and learned from him. They had begun accompanying him part time, but they were still fishermen. Whether we serve Christ at home, in the marketplace, or in a faraway country, all of us are to put him and his call to follow and serve as our first priority. To begin putting away the things of the world and become a new creature as Paul describes in his letter to the Colossians, "But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. (Col 3:8-11) NKJV

There is also a call to special service that might lead us in another direction in life. When Jesus called these four fishermen to full-time service, they were already his disciples but were still involved in their business. Jesus came where they were washing their nets and called to lay down their life's work to do his. So Peter, Andrew, James, and John "left everything and followed Jesus" (Luke 5:11).

Likewise, Matthew (Levi) was "sitting at his tax-collection

booth" and, at Jesus' call, "got up, left everything, and followed him" (Luke 5:27-28). This kind of call may mean leaving our comfort zone if God's word motivates us to do so. Not everyone is driven to do such things as leaving family, traveling to foreign countries, and sacrificing many of the comforts of life that some are willing to do for the cause of Jesus. Many foreign countries today are dangerous places for travel, much less missionary work !

A third type of call is illustrated in the life of Peter. This is the call to recommitment after failure. The fourth time Jesus called Peter to follow him was after Peter's denial of Jesus. After Jesus' resurrection, he met Peter on a sandy beach and said, "Follow me" (John 21:19), letting Peter know that he was forgiven and still needed for the work of the Kingdom. We, too, can still be used by God, even after we have failed him.

Wherever we are in our spiritual journey, we need to hear and obey God's voice through His revealed word. His word is continually calling us to put the interests and plans of God before our own whatever the cost. If we have stumbled, His word encourages us to come back to Him even after we've failed him.

Religion or Relationship ?

The way that you view your faith will be reflected in the way you live your life. Is your faith based on a set of fixed rules, days, and rituals that make you feel good about yourself, or is it based on a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Many people, including some Christians, view religion as a set of doctrinal do's and don'ts that will make one feel pleasing to God. Go to church on Sunday morning, pray before eating, visit a sick relative or friend, and contribute some money to the local church.

Real faith views Christianity as more than just a religion, it is seen as the only means by which we can ever hope to be brought back into a right relationship with the God that created all things. Certainly God wants obedience (1 Samuel 15: 22). Obeying God's word from the heart is better than any outward form of worship, service, or personal sacrifice. However, the simple truth is, if you obey God's word from the heart, all of those things mentioned in paragraph 2 will not be a checklist of things to do, but will be a natural part of our Christian lives. Obeying God from the heart is the outward expression of our belief.



Our belief is that God has called us to a life directed by

His word because His word has revealed the way to the paradise that we all so desperately seek when this life is over. The Bible teaches us that we are adopted children of God when we obey His command to believe, repent, and be baptized for the remission of our sins (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Gal 3: 26-29, Gal 4: 3-7)



As children of God, we recognize His role as our Father and abide in His house accordingly. Thus our faith develops into a relationship that submits, rather than a set of rules to be followed. God displayed His love as our creator by offering us a means to escape from the sin that leads to even worse consequences than the turmoil's we face here on earth. Our love and service is a natural response to our faith in God that He will deliver us from such a place.

THIS WEEK 23 September 2018	DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 30 September 2018
AM		AM
Leroy	SONG LEADER	Leroy
Rupert	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Hugh
Rupert	SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Hugh
Rupert & Hugh	AM SERVERS	Hugh & Leroy
Robert	LORD'S SUPPER	Robin
Danny	PREACHING	Danny
Hugh	CLOSING PRAYER	Leroy

Today's Songs

Song 1 (675)	I Am Resolved (Chorus End)
Song 2 (678)	Just A Closer Walk
Song 3 (692)	Softly and Tenderly (Chorus End)
Song 4 (702)	Trust and Obey (1,3,5 Chorus End)

Rain & Thankfulness for the current rainfall

Estelle & Family

Sheree

Meghan & Stephnie

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Prayer Requests



Happy Anniversary!!!

Van Der Walt	07 September
Kaber	13 September
Wilson	24 September

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Estelle's son, Ryan.; Lynn will be away for a few weeks; Sheree having problems with her back, Meghan & Stephnie's uncle passed away.

Title & Opening Scripture	"" John 14:15-21
Other Scriptures	•Jn 10:14-18 •Jn 14:18-23 •Josh 1:9 •Psa 9:10 •Psa 20:7 •Gen 22:1-8 • •

Sunday School Teachers

23 rd Sep	Derese
30 th Sep	Combined

"Eats" Roster September 2018

16 th September	Tea
23 rd September	Memorial Tea
30 th September	



Robert	12 September
Erika	15 September
Gus (jnr)	29 September

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