**SOMEBODY PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL**

I Corinthians 1:1-3

**1**[**Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our* brother,**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-1-1/) **2**[**Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-1-2/) **3**[**Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Corinthians-1-3/)

**INTRO:**

**1. There a call that is ringing in these last days and few are answering the call!**

**2. Why? Three problems are as follows:**

 **a. Not Close!**

**\*\* You have to be close to the call to hear the call!**

 **b. Noisy Commotion!**

**\*\* The world is doing their best to drown out the call!**

 **c. Noiseless Calls!**

\*\* **Some have simply cut off the ringer and silenced it because they’ve made up their mind that they will not answer the call!**

**3. If you want to answer the call, you must get close to where the Spirit is, cut off the background noise, listen for the call, and be determined to answer the call!**

**4. The Holy Spirit makes the call, but you have to know which devises the call comes through so you can listen for it!**

**\*\* The Spirit Calls Through The Scripture, The Sermon, and through The Singing.**

**5. When you hear the call, you will know it! So answer it!**

**6. I can’t answer your call, because I can only answer my call! So would Somebody Please Answer The Call?**

**BODY – SOMEBODY PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL**

**I. PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL TO BE SAVED-**

**II Timothy 1:9** **Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,**

**\*\*This is a holy calling that calls us to repentance and calls us to redemption!**

 **A. *IT IS AN UNLIMITED CALL***

 **1. It’s a call to ALL PEOPLE**

**I Timothy 2:4**  **Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

 **2. It’s a call to ACCUSED PEOPLE**

**\*\*You are guilty of sin and Charged, Condemned, and Convicted as a sinner!**

**\*\*However, this call is your way out through a call to repent!**

**\*\*II Peter 3:9** **The Lord is . . .** **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

 **3. It’s a call to ANY PERSON**

**\*\*John 3:16** **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**B. *IT IS AN UNDESERVED CALL***

**\*\*Luke 5:8** **When Simon Peter saw *it,* he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.**

**\*\*No one deserves the Spirit’s Call, the Savior’s Call, or the Salvation Call because of sin; yet, He is calling!**

**\*\*Would Somebody Please Answer the Call?**

 **C. *IT IS AN UNANSWERED CALL***

**\*\*Proverbs 1:24-25** **Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 25But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:**

**\*\*Not many are Responding, Reacting, or Repenting; yet the call is being made! I hope it bugs the devil out of you!**

**\*\*Would Somebody Please Answer The Call To Be Saved?**

**II. PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL TO BE SERVANTS**

**\*\* Servant in the Greek is doúlos which means, a slave whose will is altogether consumed in the will of the another.**

**\*\*Romans 1:1** **Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ,**

**\*\*James 1:1 James, a servant of God**

**\*\*II Peter 1:1** **Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ,**

**\*\* Jude 1:1** **Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ,**

 **A. *A SERVANT MUST HAVE THE RIGHT MASTER***

**\*\*Matthew 23:10** **Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ.**

**\*\*Luke 16:13 13**[**No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-16-13/)

 **1. The Right Master is Jehovah!**

 **2. The Right Master is Jesus!**

**\*\*Would somebody please answer the call to serve the right master?**

**B.  *A SERVANT MUST HAVE THE RIGHT MOTIVES***

**\*\*Deuteronomy 15:12, 16** **12*And* if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee. 16And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee;**

 **1. Love Him Honestly**

 **2. Love His Holiness**

 **3. Love His House**

**\*\*Would somebody please answer the call to serve Him with the right motives?**

 **C. *A SERVANT MUST HAVE THE RIGHT MISSION***

 **1. The Mission Is To Evangelize**

**\*\*Mark 16:15a** **And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world,**

 **2. The Mission Is To Exhort**

**\*\*Mark 16:15b**  **and preach the gospel to every creature.**

 **3. The Mission Is To Educate**

**\*\*Matthew 28:19a** **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,**

 **4. The Mission Is To Engulf**

**\*\*Matthew 28:19b baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

 **5. The Mission Is To Edify**

**\*\*I Corinthians 14:12 seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.**

**\*\*Would somebody please answer the call to serve Him with the right motive?**

**III. PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL TO BE SEPARATED**

**\*\*I Peter 1:16**  **16Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

**\*\*II Timothy 2:19**  **And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**

 **A.** ***WE SHOULD BE SEPARATED IN OUR LOVE***

**\*\*I John 2:15** **Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

**\*\*Deuteronomy 6:5** **And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.**

**\*\*Our love for Him should come Before All, Besides All, and Beyond All!**

**\*\*Would somebody please answer the call to be separated in love for Him?**

 **B. *WE SHOULD BE SEPARATED IN OUR LOYALTY***

**\*\*Joshua 24:15** **And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**

 **1. Be Loyal to the Father**

 **2. Be Loyal to the Faith**

**\*\*Would somebody please answer the call to be separated in loyalty to Him?**

 **C. *WE SHOULD BE SEPARATED IN OUR LIVING***

**\*\*Galatians 2:20** **I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

 **1. Live Sanctified**

 **2. Live Spirit-filled**

**\*\*Philippians 1:21** **For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.**

**\*\*Would somebody answer the call to be separated in living for Him?**

**CLOSE**

**1. Is the Lord calling you to be Saved, to be Servants, to be Separated?**

**2. Is the Holy Spirit ringing your number and you know only you can answer that call?**

**3. Is there a voice speaking to your heart saying come and answer this call?**

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