

THE GIFTS AND CALLING OF GOD

The Gifts and calling of God are without repentance

Romans 11:29

- Who was called by God?

Abraham (Hebrews 11:8)

Moses (Exodus 3:4-10)

Bezaleel of Judah (Exodus 35:30-36:1)

Samuel (I Samuel 3:8)

Israel/Jesus (Isaiah 49:1-11, Acts 13:46-48)

- Can you lose your gifts? No, but you can stop using them (see Psalm 12:1)

- If God calls you to do something, will he repent of it?

Ephesians 4:7-8

- all saints have been given grace

Ephesians 4:11-16

- some of the offices, and its purpose, every joint supplies

Romans 12:3-8

- are gifts differ from one another

Gifts of the Spirit

I Corinthians 12:1-6

- Diversity of gifts, but same Spirit

I Corinthians 12:7-11

I Corinthians 12:12-25

- one body, many members

I Corinthians 12:28-31

- covet the best gifts

I Corinthians 14:1-5

- prophesy: to foretell future events, predict, also simply means to preach, to instruct in doctrines, to explain scripture, to exhort (Ezekiel 37:4-10)

- edification: to build up, instruction

- exhortation: to advise, to incite by words or advice, urge by arguments to a good deed

- comfort: strengthen, to console, relieve from depression or trouble

I Corinthians 14:12

- seek to excel in edifying the church

I Corinthians 14:19-20

I Corinthians 14:21-26

- tongues are a sign to unbelievers (the Jews), prophesying is for the believers

The Calling of God

calling: vocation; profession; trade; usual occupation, or employment, Divine summons, vocation, or invitation.

The calling of the high priest

Hebrews 5:1-6, 10

Hebrews 11:8

- Abraham was called by God

I Corinthians 7:17

- mention context, walk in your calling

If you are in sin or believe in something contrary to the word of God, this does not mean you continue to walk in these things. Get it right, repent, and move on.

I Corinthians 7:18-24

- abide in the same calling where you were called, and there abide with God.

Ephesians 4:1-4

- walk worthy of your vocation wherewith ye are called

Colossians 4:17

- fulfill the ministry ye have received of the Lord

We are called to similar things

Romans 12:9-21

I Thessalonians 2:4, I Corinthians 1:17; 9:17-18, Philippians 1:14-18

I Peter 2:20-21

II Thessalonians 2:12 – God has called us to his kingdom and glory

Romans 8:28-30 – called to be conformed to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ

I Corinthians 1:2 – called to be saints (see Romans 1:7)

I Corinthians 1:9 – called to fellowship with Christ

Galatians 5:13 – called unto liberty to by love serve one another

I Timothy 6:12 – called to eternal life by the gospel

God does not repent of his gifts and of his callings (Romans 11:29). Amen!

Miscellaneous Verses

The Story of Korah: murmured against God concerning who is allowed to minister in the sanctuary (Numbers 16, 17).