



Confirming Your Calling (Part 9)

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2 Peter 1:10



3 Just as His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. **4** Through these He has given to us precious and very great promises, in order that by them you may become a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust. **5** Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in [your] moral excellence knowledge, **6** and in [your] knowledge, self control, and in [your] self control, perseverance, and in [your] perseverance, godliness, **7** and in [your] godliness, brotherly kindness, and in [your]

brotherly kindness, love. **8** For if these things are yours and are increasing, they make you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** For he who is lacking these is blind or shortsighted, being forgetful of the purification of his former sins. **10** Therefore, brethren, be diligent to make your calling and election sure, for in doing these things you will never fall. **11** For in this way the entrance to the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be abundantly supplied to you.

– 2 Peter 1:3-11, As translated from the Greek New Testament by Tony A. Bartolucci.

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A. Being Certain about Your Calling and Election

1. What Does It Mean? (v. 10)

a. What are "calling" and "election"?

(1) Calling (Greek noun kl sis)

Definition: "God's act of bringing the _____ to _____."

(a) It is both _____ (Jn. 6:44) and _____ (Ro. 11:29)

(2) Election (Greek noun eklog)

Definition: "God's _____ of the sinner unto eternal life."

(a) Election is pre-temporal, meaning it _____

(b) Calling is grounded in on election

b. So again, "What does this mean?"

☞ 2. How Do We Do It? (v. 10)

a. First: the _____ is ours and ours alone

b. Second: it takes _____

c. Third: we can be _____

d. Fourth: take note of the context (vv. 3-9)

☞ 3. Why Do We Do It? (v. 10)

a. See the end of verse 10

(1) What does it mean that "you will never fall"? Cf. 1 Peter 1:3-9; Jude 24-25.

☞ 4. What Is The Goal? (v. 11)

"I know that the God of all mercy has called me to his eternal glory. unto which he chose me in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, and I am certain that he will keep me firm unto the end, unto the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ (v. 11). Whence comes this blessed firmness and certainty for me? From some special revelation concerning God's secret counsel? No; but from the common revelation of the divine will of grace in the gospel of Jesus Christ in whom I believe. Because I know in whom I believe, namely in the God who has saved me and called me with a holy calling according to his own purpose and grace, therefore I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day, II Tim. 2:9-12. When the God of all grace perfects, establishes, strengthens me in faith, I Pet. 5:10, then is my calling and election sure."
[19th century Lutheran, Rudolph Besser]