

Romans

(30) The Called

The universal call of God

Is there a 'call' from God which goes unheeded? Rom.1:18-20; 2:14-15

Yes. The (1) evidence of creation and (2) the call of conscience. This call is universal.

How can we be sure that this call *always* goes unheeded? Rom.3:9-12

Because the inerrant Word of God says 'not even one' seeks after God by this call.

On the *sole basis of this call*, what is God's righteous judgment? Rom.1:20; 3:19

Guilty. No excuse (not clear, not enough time, no help, etc). Everyone is guilty.

What's the reason for this *universal* state of mankind? Rom.8:6-8; Eph.2:1; ICor.2:14

All unredeemed (in Adam) mankind is dead spiritually. Spiritual truths are foolishness...

Has God given some people an even stronger call? Rom.3:1-2 Result? 3:9-18

Yes. (3) The oracles of God were given to the Jews. Result? None righteous, not one.

And is there an even greater call than this? Mark 16:15

Yes. (4) The Gospel which is to be preached to everyone. All nations.

To whom is this call addressed? Rom.10:13

This is the 'whosoever will' call. It is to go to everyone.

And what is the response of the natural man (the unredeemed, in Adam)? ICor.2:14, etc

The natural man thinks it's foolishness. No one, on their own, will respond to even this call.

So where does this leave us? How does anyone get saved? ICor.15:22; Jn.1:9-13; 15:16-19

In Adam, all die. The only hope is God's grace. Clearly NOT by our will. He chooses...

The effectual call of God...8:28-30

Is there *another* call from God, which is *always effectual*? Rom.8:28-30; Jn.6:37-40; 44

Absolutely. The Father draws (calls) the Chosen. Jesus turns none of these away.

What does Scripture teach about *the called*? Rom. 1:6; ICor.1:24; Jude 1; Mt.22:14; IIThess.2:13

The called is a legitimate name for those who are saved. Clearly called of God.

What is the first recorded event for *the called*? Eph.1:4; Rom.8:29; Rev.13:8

He chose us in Him before creation. He foreknew whom he would choose, by name!

Is the foreknowledge of God simply that He knows who will believe? 9:16; Jn.1:9-13; Eph.2:8-9

No. The foreknowledge is of whom He chose, not of what they would do. Faith is from Him

What is the next event for *the called*? Rom.8:29

Those He foreknew He would choose, He predestined to be conformed to the image of Son.

What is the reason for this *conforming*? 8:29; IJn.3:2

So Jesus would be the firstborn among many brothers. Chosen, elect, adopted, family...

Next: *The Called*, from eternity past to eternity future