

L41 | Ephesians | "The Hope of His Calling Pt. 2" | Eph. 1:15-23

I. Intro/Review:

1. The Father of glory giving

- 1.1 - the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him
- 1.2 - the eyes of understanding enlightened
 - 1.2.1 - past tense
 - 1.2.2 - further revelation
 - 1.2.3 - Paul's prayer to know

2. Know

- 2.1 - the hope of His calling
- 2.2 - the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints
- 2.3 - the exceeding greatness of His power

3. Two Questions

- 3.1 - What is?
 - 3.1.1 - the hope
 - 3.1.2 - the riches of the glory in the saints
 - 3.1.3 - the exceeding greatness
- 3.2 - What is?
 - 3.2.1 - His calling
 - 3.2.2 - His inheritance
 - 3.2.3 - His power

II. Preview:

1. What is His calling?
2. What is the hope of His calling?

III. Sermon:

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, {Ephesians 1:18}

1. What is His calling?

1.1 - The Details of this Calling

1.1.1 - Who calls us?

- Christ
 - Rom. 1:6 - "called of Jesus Christ"
 - Rom. 9:24 - "even us, whom He hath called"
 - 1 Cor. 7:22 - "called in the Lord"

- The Father
 - Gal. 1:4-6 - "called you into the grace of Christ"
 - Php. 3:14 - "...high calling of God in Christ Jesus"

1.1.2 - The Nature of the Calling

- Rom. 11:29 - "gifts and calling of God without repentance"
- 1 Cor. 7:22 - "called in the Lord"
- Php. 3:14 - "...high calling of God"
- 2 Tim. 1:9 - "an holy calling, not according to our works"

1.1.3 - How is One Called?

- 2 The. 2:14 - "called you by our gospel"

1.1.4 - Called To/Unto/In/With

- Rom. 1:7 - "called to be saints"
 - 1 The. 4:7 - "not called unto uncleanness"
 - 2 Tim. 1:9 - "called us with an holy calling"
- 1 Cor. 1:9 - "called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord"
- Gal. 1:6 - "called you into the grace of Christ"
- Gal. 5:13 - "called unto liberty"
- Eph. 4:1 - "vocation wherewith ye are called"
- Eph. 4:4 - "called in one hope of your calling"
- Col. 3:15 - "called in one body"
- 2 The. 2:14 - "to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ"
- 1 Tim. 6:12 - "eternal life, whereunto thou art also called"

1.2 - His calling

1.2.1 - Calling - Invitation, a call

- It is a separate calling - a holy calling, wholly dependent upon Him
- The calling is dependent upon that which He willed, purposed, counseled.

1.2.2 - The gospel

- Eph. 1:13 - "...after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation:"
- Rom. 10:10 - "So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
 - God calls by His Word
- 2 Cor. 5:20 - "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."
- 1 The. 2:13 - "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."
- 1 Cor. 2:9-13 - {13} "which things also we speak"
 - 1 Cor. 4:1-2

1.2.3 - The church

- 1 Tim. 3:15 - "...which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."
 - The truth rests with the church
 - The church is truthful as much as it is true to the truth and thus when proclaims the truth speaks in God's stead.
- 2 Tim. 2:15 - "study...rightly dividing the word of truth"
- 2 Tim. 3:16 - "all scripture is given by inspiration"
- 2 Tim. 4:2 - "preach the word"

1.2.4 - His calling comes by virtue of the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

- Our salvation that which He knew concerning wisdom and prudence
- Our salvation that which He provided in Christ
- Yet what is our salvation and calling to?

2. The hope of His calling

2.1 - Calling unto

- 2.1.1 - 1 Cor. 1:9 - "called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord"
- Eph. 4:1 - "vocation wherewith ye are called"
 - 2 The. 2:14 - "to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ"
 - What is this in Ephesians terminology?

2.2. - Hope

2.2.1 - The fruit of hope - the present effects of our future excellence

- Hope provides stability
- Hope provides comfort
- Hope provides strength
- Hope maketh not ashamed
- Hope is an anchor of the soul
- Hope grants confidence
- Hope gives joy
- All of these and many more deal with the present effects of the future excellence
- What is the substance of hope? What is its doctrine? What is its details?
- What is it that is "of Him" that will ultimately be "to Him", thus when He calls is the hope of His calling?

2.2.2 - Hope, ours yes, but first His

2.2.3 - What is "hope"?

- "expectation" - a looking forward to future excellence

- God of hope + the Father of glory = the hope of glory
- God's calling, God's invitation has expectation to it, it looks toward future excellence
- Purchased by Christ blood, manifest in His resurrection, and presently hid at the Father's right hand

2.2.4 - That which is "of Him, and through Him, and to Him" thus His hope begets our hope

2.2.5 - 1 Cor. 2

- "prepared"
- "ordained before the world"
- "glory"

2.2.6 - There is purpose, counsel, intent, and reason behind "the calling of God"(general details of hope)

- Rom. 4:18 - impossible
- Rom. 8:20 - subject the creature to hope
- Col. 1:5 - hope laid up for you in heaven
 - Not simply heaven
 - That laid up in heaven
 - Col. 3:1 - seek those things above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God
 - Christ
 - Who is He?
 - Where is He?
 - Where does He sit?
 - How long does He sit there?
- 2 The. 2:16 - "...good hope through grace"
- Tit. 2:13 - "blessed hope"

2.2.7 - "the hope of His calling" in Ephesians 1:3-14

- Eph. 1:3 - Who He is, is telling - "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us"
- Eph. 1:3 - His blessings upon us signify the hope of His calling
 - 1) The exaltation of His Son
 - Rom. 8:28-29 - "...conformed to the image of His Son, that (purpose, intent, hope, expectation) He might be the firstborn among many brethren."
 - Eph. 1:3 - "in Christ"
 - Eph. 1:4 - "in Him"
 - Eph. 1:5 - "by Jesus Christ"
 - Eph. 1:6 - "accepted in the beloved."
 - Eph. 1:7 - "in whom"
 - Eph. 1:9 - "in Himself"/Eph. 3 - in Christ
 - Eph. 1:10 - "in Christ"

- The hope of His calling cannot be divided from that which He purposed in Himself, that which He purposed in Christ.
- 2) What does He get as the expectation of His calling in Christ Jesus?
- Rom. 14 - kingdom of God is in righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost

2.1 Pleasure (Joy)

- Eph. 1:5 - "the good pleasure of His will"
- Eph. 1:9 - "His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself:"
- Eph. 1:11 - "the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will:"
 - He is bound and determined
 - Rom. 12:11 - "fervent in spirit"
 - Tit. 2:14 - "zealous of good works"
 - Isa. 9 - "the zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this"
- Remember not just the things in the heavenly places, but the earth
 - Luke. 12:31-32 - "Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom"
 - Rev. 4:11

2.2 Love (Righteousness)/Family

- Eph. 1:4 - "that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:"
 - Righteousness
- Eph. 1:5 - "having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself"
 - Family
 - Col. 1:13 - "...the kingdom of His dear Son"
- Eph. 1:6 - "accepted in the beloved"
 - Matt. 3:17 - Christ's baptism
 - Matt. 17:5 - Mt. of Transfiguration
 - Ps. 2
 - The only and first begotten of God
- Eph. 1:7 - "in whom we have redemption through His blood"
 - His great love {Eph. 2:4}

2.3 Peace/Government (prince of peace)

- Eph. 1:10
- Col. 1

IV. Conclusion: