

Effectual Call

1 Peter 2:9-10

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Praises (a-re-te) better translated in the Greek **Excellences** or **Virtues**. Invites recognition, resulting in renown or glory. In Homer primarily of military valor or exploits, **uncommon character worthy of praise, excellence of character, exceptional civic virtue**¹

¹ William Arndt et al., [*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 130.

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I. The Call

There are 2 Calls **Universal** and **Effectual**

a. **Universal** Call

Mark 16:15

¹⁵ Then He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

Luke 24:47

⁴⁷ and repentance for^[a] forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends^[a] of the earth."

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b. **Effectual** Call

John 6:44

⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me **draws** him, and I will raise him up on the last day.

Draws (helkyo=Hel-ku-o)

“the word means to drag, pull, compel, force, and overwhelmed with superior force. The ancient Greeks used the word this way; to drag a dead body by the foot, to drag away a prisoner, to drag a felled tree, to draw ships down to the sea, to pull a chariot, to pull a plow, to drag chains, the pull a cloak behind oneself, to draw a bowstring, to hoist sails, the lift up scales, the pull a barge pole, to tow a ship, and to compel a person to work for you. In every case a superior force is exerted effectually and successfully”.

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John 10:27

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me.

Acts 16:14

¹⁴ A woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God, was listening. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was spoken by Paul.

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The Difference of the 2 Calls

Read: Luke 14:16-24

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¹⁶ Then He told him: "A man was giving a large banquet and invited many. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet, he sent his slave to tell those who were invited, 'Come, because everything is now ready.'

¹⁸ "But without exception^[a] they all began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. I ask you to excuse me.'

¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm going to try them out. I ask you to excuse me.'

²⁰ "And another said, 'I just got married,^[b] and therefore I'm unable to come.'

²¹ "So the slave came back and reported these things to his master. Then in anger, the master of the house told his slave, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the city, and bring in here the poor, maimed, blind, and lame!'

²² "'Master,' the slave said, 'what you ordered has been done, and there's still room.'

²³ "Then the master told the slave, 'Go out into the highways and lanes and **make them come (compel)** in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will enjoy my banquet!'"

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Colossians 1:12-13

¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you^[a] to share in the saints'^[b] inheritance in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.

Acts 26:18

¹⁸ to open their eyes so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that by faith in Me they may receive forgiveness of sins and a share among those who are sanctified.

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1 Kingdom **Light** 1 Dominion **Darkness**

a. **Darkness**

- Satan
- Weeping and gnashing of teeth
- Burning in the Lake of Fire for all eternity.

b. **Light**

- Jesus
- Ultimate Peace
- Ultimate Joy

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Read: Revelation 21:1-6

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21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea no longer existed. ² I also saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

³ Then I heard a loud voice from the throne:^[a]

Look! God's dwelling^[b] is with humanity,
and He will live with them.

They will be His people,
and God Himself will be with them
and be their God.^[c]

⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
Death will no longer exist;
grief, crying, and pain will exist no longer,
because the previous things^[d] have passed away.

⁵ Then the One seated on the throne said, "Look! I am making everything new." He also said, "Write, because these words^[e] are faithful and true." ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give water as a gift to the thirsty from the spring of life. ⁷ The victor will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son. ⁸ But the cowards, unbelievers,^[f] vile, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars—their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

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II. Walk in the Light!

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light**— ⁹ for the fruit of the light^[a] results in all goodness, righteousness, and truth— ¹⁰ discerning what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Don't participate in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what is done by them in secret. ¹³ Everything exposed by the light is made clear, ¹⁴ for what makes everything clear is light. Therefore it is said:

Get up, sleeper, and rise up from the dead, and the Messiah will shine on you.^[b]

1 John 1:5-7

⁵ Now this is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in Him. ⁶ If we say, "We have fellowship with Him," yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing^[a] the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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Hosea 1:6-10

⁶ She conceived again and gave birth to a daughter, and the LORD said to him:

Name her No Compassion,^[a]
for I will no longer have compassion
on the house of Israel.

I will certainly take them away.

⁷ But I will have compassion on the house of Judah,
and I will deliver them by the LORD their God.
I will not deliver them by bow, sword, or war,
or by horses and cavalry.

⁸ After Gomer had weaned No Compassion, she conceived and gave birth to a
son. ⁹ Then the LORD said:

Name him Not My People,^[b]
for you are not My people,
and I will not be your God.^[c]

¹⁰ ^[d] Yet the number of the Israelites
will be like the sand of the sea,
which cannot be measured or counted.
And in the place where they were told:
You are not My people,
they will be called: Sons of the living God.

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Hosea 2:23

²³ I will sow her^[a] in the land for Myself,
and I will have compassion
on No Compassion;
I will say to Not My People:
You are My people,
and he will say, "You are My God.

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