

# Paul - His Theology



Salvation – The Call

## Lesson 24

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I've been trying to get  
down to the heart of the  
matter.

But my will gets weak,  
and my thoughts seem  
to scatter.

But I think its about

**Forgiveness**

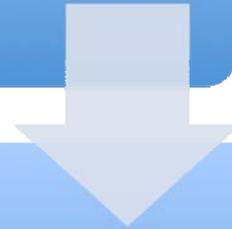
**Forgiveness**

(even if you don't love me!)

How good are you at forgiveness?



Importance



Salvation's Start



God's Call

# Importance of Forgiving

# Remember the Lord's Prayer



“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”

# Understanding God's forgiveness brings:



Personal Peace

Understanding God's forgiveness  
brings:



A More Godly  
Walk

# Understanding God's forgiveness brings:



**Stronger  
Relationships  
and marriage**

Understanding God's forgiveness  
brings:



Greater Joy in  
Life

# Understanding God's forgiveness brings:



Greater Love  
for God and  
Each Other

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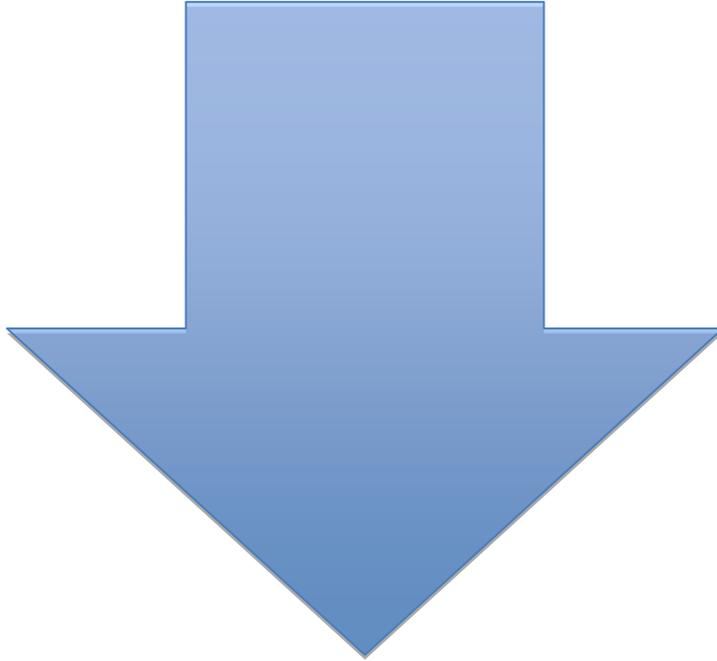
Salvation's Start

“She started  
it!”



God

God



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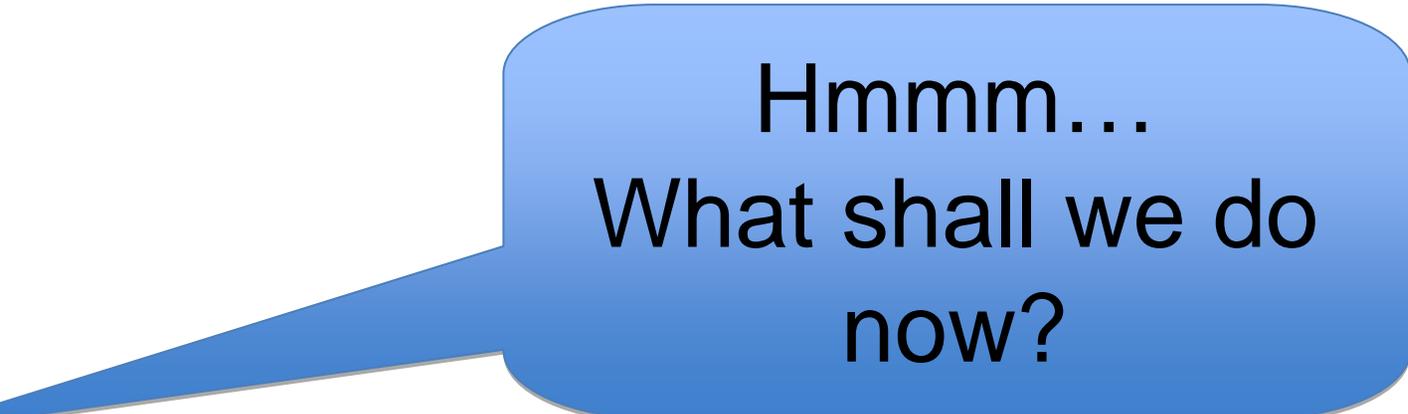
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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present age, **according to the will of our God and Father.**

(Gal. 1:3-4)

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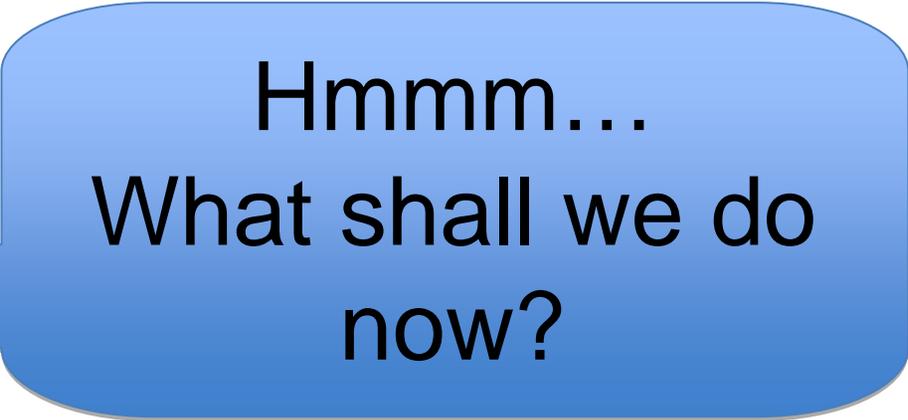


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“... before the foundation of the world  
... according to the purpose of his will” (Eph.  
1:3-10)

God's decision came from God's Love

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Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself,  
and God our Father, **who loved us and  
gave us eternal comfort** and good hope  
through grace, comfort your hearts and  
establish them in every good work  
(2 Thes. 2:16-17)

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But **God shows his love for us** in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

(Rom. 5:8)

# God is in the Saving Business



# Nothing Can Trump God's Love



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If God is for us, who can be against us? Neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Rom. 8:31-39)

Importance of Forgiving



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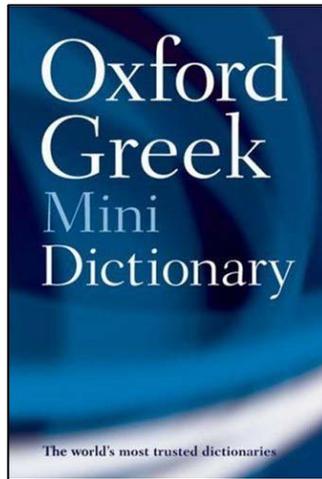
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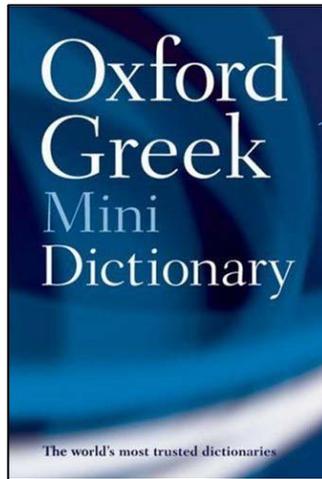
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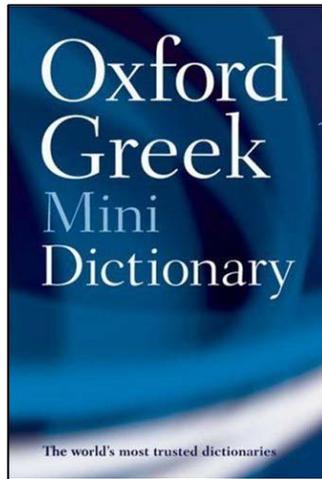


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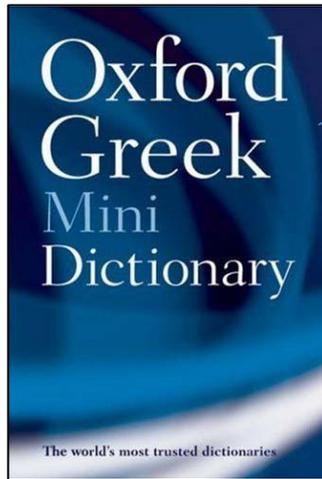
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“Call” assign a name

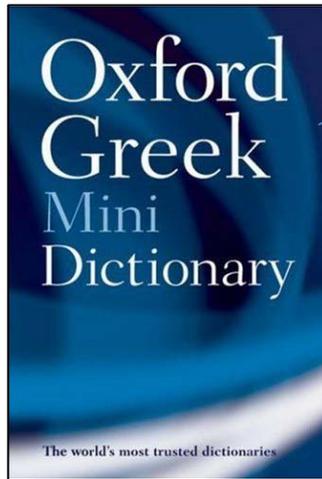
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“Call” - court  
summons

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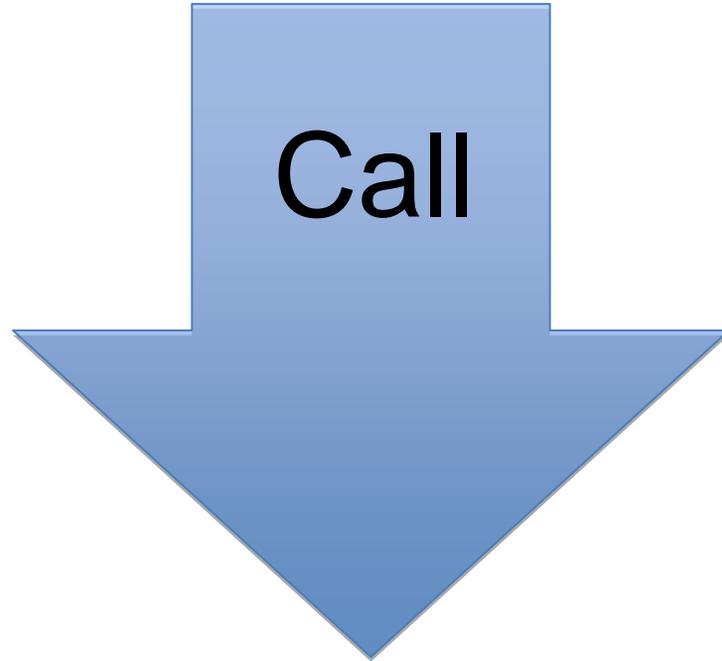


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For Paul:  
“Call” – a vocation!

God

# God



Call

God

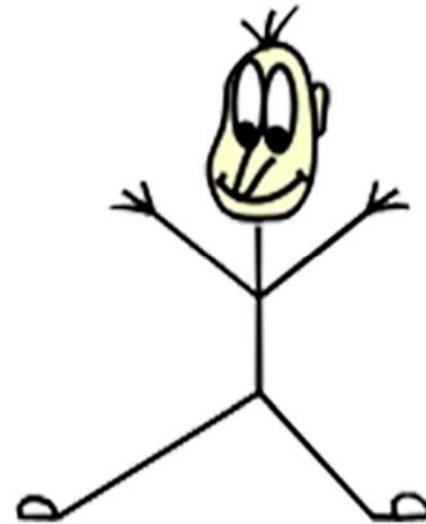


Man

Man Can Refuse, but **SHOULD NOT!**



# God's call is Universal and Personal



“God loves each of us as though each were the only one” - Augustine

# What Job are you called to?



God has “called” you to holiness

“For God has not **called** us to impurity,  
but **in holiness**”  
(1 Thes. 4:7)

God has “called” you to holiness



God calls you to peace

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(1 Cor. 7:15)

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“Be worried in nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And **the peace of God, which passes all understanding**, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

(Phil. 4:5-7)

God calls you to peace



God's call is one of grace!

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“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who **called** you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel”  
(Gal. 1:6-7)

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“We exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who **calls** you into his own kingdom and glory.”

(1 Thes. 2:12)

# God calls you to belong to Christ

Paul “**called** to be an apostle” to the Romans “who are **called** to belong to Christ”  
(Rom. 1:1)



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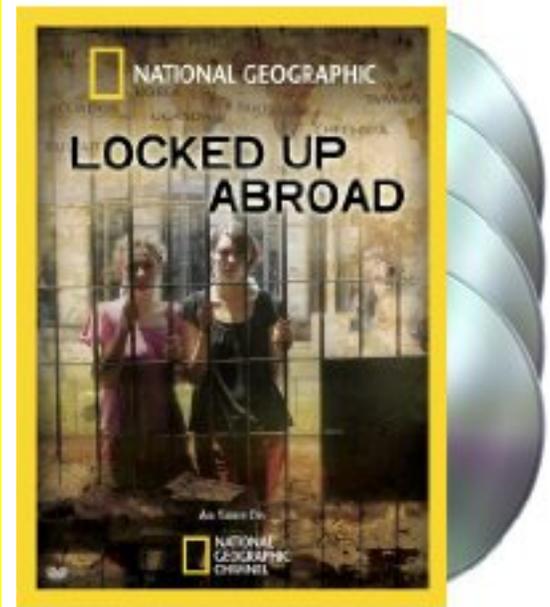
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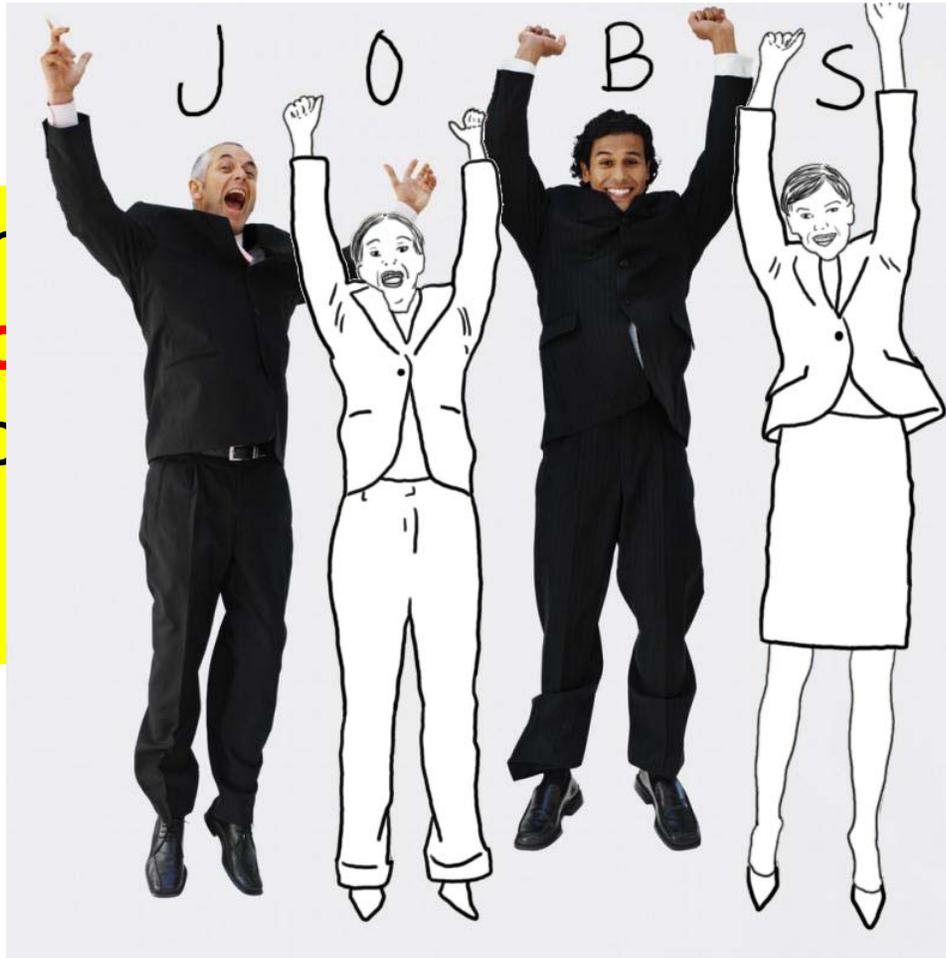
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“Take hold of the eternal life to which you were **called** and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses”

(1 Tim. 6:12)

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God calls you because of who he is,  
not because of what you can do!

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God “saved us and **called** us to a holy  
**calling**, not because of our works but  
because of his own purpose and grace,  
which he gave us in Christ before the  
ages began ”

(2 Tim. 1:9)



**Metaphors!**



A light to our path

## Points for Home

*“God has not called us to impurity, but in holiness” (1 Thes. 4:7)*



God's call is specific!

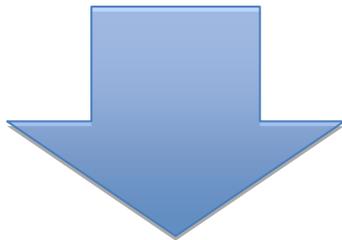


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(Rom. 5:8)

God



Man

**Forgiveness – DO we really want to hold grudges?**



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*“Walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you”* (1 Thes. 2:12)



**Dress for the job!**