

# *Jesus Calls His Disciples*

John 1:43-51

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## **INTRO:**      **Video - “Dr. John Perkins”**

Did you catch that? *Dr. Perkins said something's wrong.*  
Today we're going to take a close look at what's wrong...  
and by God grace and for His glory...

**Today we'll see how Christ really calls Christians!**

Welcome... week #9 of our year-long journey with Jesus

## **TODAY'S TIMELESS TRUTH**

### **“Christ Calls His Disciples”**

**Christ meets us where we are  
and He transforms us as we follow Him.**

## **PREVIEW:**

- A. **EXALT**      Christ's Call
- B. **EXPLAIN**      Christ's Call
- C. **EXUDE**      Christ's Call

# I. EXALT CHRIST'S CALL

43 *The next day **Jesus decided** to go to Galilee. **He found Philip** and said to him, **“Follow me.”***

## a. Christ **CREATES** Christians

- i. Genesis 1 & John 1
- ii. Genesis 3 & John 3

## b. Christ **CHOOSES** Christians

- Jesus *decided*...
- Jesus *found*...
- Jesus said: *“follow Me”*

- i. **Ephesians 1**: 1; 4-5; 7; 11; 13-14

1 *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus **by the will of God**...*

4...*He chose us in him before the foundation of the world...* 5 *He predestined us for adoption to himself... according to the purpose of his will... having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will...*

13 *In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, **were sealed***

with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it...

ii. Roman Road: 3:10,23; 5:8; 6:23; 10:9; 12:1-3

iii. Ephesians 2: 1; 4-5; 8-10

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins...

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us... He made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved...

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

iv. See epitomized in Acts 9!

1. Christ comes to Saul = Confrontation
2. Christ goes to Ananias = Designation
3. Ananias goes to Saul = Evangelization
4. Paul comes to Christ! = Justification
5. Paul faithfully obeys = Sanctification

## II. EXPLAIN CHRIST'S CALL

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 **Philip found Nathanael** and said to him, “**We have found** him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” 46 Nathanael said to him, “**Can anything good come out of Nazareth?**” (little town of < 2,000... like N.E.K.) Philip said to him, “**Come and see.**”

**INSERT:** Don't miss this fork in the road...

**QUESTION:**

Why do some “*come and see*” while others go & die?

**ANSWER:** John 10:26-27

“*You do not believe because you are not My sheep. My sheep hear My voice & they follow Me.*”

➤ This is why we seek “**Persons of Peace**”

➤ See **Lydia in Acts 16:14...** “The LORD...”

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”

48 Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” 49 Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

**QUOTE:** “The first step in becoming a disciple of Jesus is encountering Him in a deep and meaningful way. Nobody inherits a relationship with Jesus from their parents. Nobody earns their status as a disciple by attending church, doing good things, or avoiding bad things.” - **DisciplesPath**

**\*\*\* We MUST define** “encountering Him in a deep and meaningful way” to understand Christ’s salvific call on one’s life.

**\*\*\* The challenge** (and often times confusion) lies in the fact that there are (2) stages of grace... (2) stages of disciples/discipleship...

### **VISUAL Illustration**

Christian Continuum of -10 to +10...  
with the cross of Christ designating 0...



*“Many are called/invited but few are chosen.”*

– Jesus (Matthew 22:14)

- External Call
  - John 3:16
  - Parable of the Soils...
  - **The Rich Young Ruler...**

## **VIDEO: “Paul Washer”**

2. **Effectual**: justified, saved, **“INITIATION”**

- Effectual/Internal Call = 3 steps:
  - **Evangelization**
  - **Justification**
  - **Sanctification**

3. **Deceived &/or Deceptive Disciples**

a. **John 6:60-66** = *...and many of His disciples followed Him no more...*

b. **1<sup>st</sup> John 2:19** = *They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.*

- c. Jude 1:3-6 = ...*contend for the faith*...
- d. Titus 1:10-16!

#### 4. Delivered & Deployed Disciples

- a. "A miraculous, Christ-like, work in progress." - JDP
- b. mMm
  - i. John 6:44 = *No one comes unless*
  - ii. John 17 = supernatural unity...
  - iii. Romans 10:17 = *faith comes by..*
- c. "*you will know them by their fruit*"
- d. "*...by your love for one another...*"
  - i. Sheep or goats?
  - ii. Wheat or weeds?

See Jonathan Edwards' "*The Experience That Counts*"

T/S: **VIDEO – "Platt & Dever"**

*"Because of the increase in wickedness, most people's love will grow cold, but the one who endures/perseveres to the end will be saved."* – Matthew 24:12-13

### III. **EXUDE** CHRIST'S CALL

**50** *Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” **51** And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and **the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.**”*

#### a. Christ COMMISSIONS

- i. John 14:15 vs. the Parable of the Talents...
- ii. John 20:21 = **BE** like Philip, Ananias... **JESUS!**
  1. We fish for men, casting the gospel's net...
  2. We seek PEOPLE of PEACE!
  3. We make disciples of those who respond
    - a. Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 1:8
    - b. See our BRIDGE Manifesto...
  4. Herein you see the **“5 Great C's”**
    - a. Great Commandments
    - b. Great Commission
    - c. Great Conflict
    - d. Great Church
    - e. Great Christ-follower

**T/S:**           **VIDEO – “Come Alive”**

**b. Christ COMPLETES!**

**John 6:47**

*"Truly, truly, I say to you,  
he who believes has eternal life.*

**Philippians 1:6**

*...**He** who **began** a good work in you  
**will perfect/complete it...***

**CLOSE:**

**Christ**

*CREATES*

*CHOOSES*

*CALLS*

*COMMISSIONS*

*COMPLETES*

**Christians!**

Amen & AMEN

Let's Pray