

# THE CALL IS FOR US

## What On Earth Am I Here For? – Part 1

*“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” Romans 8:28*

*“And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.” Rom 8:30*

### Key things we need to know about our calling

#### 1. My calling is a gift from God.

*“For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 1:9*

#### 2. I’m called for God’s purpose.

*“But before they were born, before they had done anything good or bad, she received a message from God. (This message shows that God chooses people according to his own purposes; <sup>12</sup> he calls people, but not according to their good or bad works.)” Roman 9:11*

*“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Eph 2:10*

#### 3. God chose my calling before I was born.

*“But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvellous grace.” Gal 1:15*

*“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb.*

*Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.” Jer 1:5*

*“I am your creator, you were in my care even before you were born.” Is 44:2 (ESV)*

#### 4. My sins and mistakes don’t change my call.

*“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, <sup>13</sup> even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief.” 1 Tim 1:12-13*

#### 5. My calling is connected to others.

*“Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. <sup>2</sup> Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. <sup>4</sup> For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.” Eph 4:1-4*

#### 6. God empowers what he calls me to do.

*“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work.” 1 Tim 1:12*

*“God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.” 1 Thess 5:24*

#### 7. There’s a prize for living out my calling.

*“I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.” Phil 3:14*

*“We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory.” 1 Thess 2:12*