

All Called Ephesians 3:1-7

PAUL'S CALL:

Acts 26:12-18 > Jesus reveals Himself to Paul and calls him to ministry

Acts 9:10-15 > God reveals Paul's calling to Ananias

Acts 22:17-21 > God tells Paul, "Go now"

"Goad": A pointy stick used by farmers to poke the back of oxen's legs to keep them moving forward.

Paul is emphatically _____ (sent) to the Gentiles, with the message of Jesus.

V.1: The "reason" is the _____ of Jews and Gentiles into one Church, under the leadership of Jesus Christ.

THE EIGHT DISPENSATIONS IN SCRIPTURE:

"Dispensation": A way in which God relates to us.

- 1) The Dispensation of _____
 - > From Creation to the Fall of Man
 - > Man still chooses to disobey God
- 2) The Dispensation of Conscience
 - > From the Fall of Man to the Flood (1,650 years)
 - > Produces epidemic mass perversion

- 3) The Dispensation of _____
 - > From the Flood to the Tower of Babel (425 years)
 - > Man rejects God and focuses on self
- 4) The Dispensation of Promise
 - > From Abraham to the Exodus (430 years)
 - > Man forgets the promise and ends up in bondage
- 5) The Dispensation of _____
 - > From the Exodus to the Cross (1,500 years)
 - > Man is unable to keep the Law
- 6) The Dispensation of Grace
 - > The age in which we live
 - > We relate to God through _____
- 7) The Dispensation of _____
 - > Future 7-year period (Revelation 6-19)
 - > Man still runs from God
- 8) The Dispensation of Righteousness
 - > Future 1,000-year period following the Tribulation
 - > Some still rebel against God at the end

How Someone is Called to Ministry:

- They receive _____ from God that equips them for the task.
- That giftedness is given by the grace of God, not because the person deserves it.
- The effective working that takes place is the result of _____.

You're not called because you're _____. You're _____ because you're called.

The Church needs you! (1 Corinthians 12:18-27)