

## *Qualifying the Called*

1Corinthians 1:1~9 Paul, **called to be an apostle** of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, **to them that are sanctified** in Christ Jesus, **called to be saints**, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: Grace be unto you, and peace, from **God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ**. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the **grace of God** which is given you **by** Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are **enriched** by him, **in all utterance, and in all knowledge**; Even as the testimony of Christ was **confirmed** in you: So that ye come behind in no **gift**; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also **confirm you** unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **God** is faithful, **by whom ye were called** unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Scripture shows us that Paul is called to be an apostle as are those sanctified in Christ called to be saints. Also note there is no trinity mentioned, just the Father and Son. It is Yah, the Father, whose grace is gifted to us through our faith in Yahshua, His son. Eph 2:5~8, 1Cor 8:6 & 1Pe 1:21*

*By this calling we are to be enriched by Him in all utterance, and in all knowledge, meaning knowing the truth of Him and testifying of His truth. And if we do as He asks, using the gifts given to us, we will be confirmed, meaning established, set apart, kept until the time of His return.*

1Corinthians 1:10~13 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **ye all speak the same thing**, and that **there be no divisions among you**; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the **same mind** (*thinking the same*) and in the **same judgment** (*discerning right from wrong*). For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are **contentions** among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

*Paul admonishes his readers not to have division among themselves in regards to the “messenger of the word.” Why? Because each person has allegiance to a favored teacher instead of heeding the content of the message, “The Kingdom of Yah.” Isn’t this an accurate portrayal of what the churches of today are doing? Each is separated from the other according to the “messenger” instead of focusing on the “message” our action through faith. The messenger does not save you, nor does the message alone, but our response to that message, the action on our part according to the gifts that are given to us.*

1Corinthians 1:14 ~20 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent me **not to baptize, but to preach the gospel**: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that **perish, foolishness**; but unto us which are **saved** it is the **power of God**. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

*Paul says he was not sent to baptize believers, but to preach the gospel of The Kingdom of Yah. Without the preaching there would be no message sent, ergo nothing to be baptized into. Baptism is the believers’ declaration based on the fulfillment of preaching resulting in “the action of their belief.” Such preaching is not about words of worldly wisdom, but is the words of Yah, the only ones that can save the believer! The world perishes in its pride, yet it’s the “simple” that are being called.*

1Corinthians 1:21~24 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the **Jews require a sign**, and the **Greeks seek after wisdom**: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a **stumblingblock**, and unto the Greeks

**foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.**

*It pleased Yah (God) that through the foolishness of preaching He saved them who believed this simple message. But not so with the world, especially the Jews, His people, to whom He first came and who looked for miracles as proof of His authority. Yahshua then came to the Greeks, gentiles outside the the nation of the Jews, to whom He offered to be grafted into His family in like manner. But the Greeks instead vainly looked for wisdom in Greek philosophy replete with higher thoughts without actions. Yet to the simple **who are called**, are given **“the power of Yah,”** which is Yahshua, the wisdom of Yah. It only becomes wisdom when used; otherwise it’s just scraps of leftover knowledge and understanding. Wisdom comes through action. Doing what He says as in James 1:22, Romans 2:13, 1Corinthians 3:18.*

1Corinthians 1:25~31 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see **your calling**, brethren, how that not many **wise** men after the flesh, not many **mighty**, not many **noble**, are called: But **God hath chosen the foolish things** of the world to confound the **wise**; and **God hath chosen the weak things** of the world to confound the things which are **mighty**; And **base things** of the world, and **things which are despised**, hath **God chosen**, yea, and **things which are not**, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us **wisdom**, and **righteousness**, and **sanctification**, and **redemption**: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

*Look at those around you whose actions demonstrate they are called. Are they not the simple of the world? They are not the smartest of worldly men, not the mightiest, nor noblest. For all those latter mentioned live as if they have received their reward now having no need of a God that can further satisfy their desires. The present is in their hands, and the future is remotely far off. They rule in the “now,” in the presence of their own gods, catering to themselves and to others around them.*

*But Yah has called the foolish things to counter worldly wisdom. He sends the weak to fight the mighty. Those the world deems base and despised He makes stand upright against the unrighteous. These called ones will bring down that which has exalted itself above Yah. He has given **wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption** to those **called** of the Father to His son, Yahshua. This then shall be “our glory” rooted in Yah and not in self. We are justified by faith in Yahshua and **qualify** as first fruits, **if** we continue doing His will.*

Romans 5:1~5 Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access **by faith** into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we **glory in tribulations** also: knowing that **tribulation worketh patience**; And **patience, experience**; and **experience, hope**: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

*Being justified by faith, we grow into this sainthood by **glorying in tribulations**. Somehow this method seems a little out of place, being justified by one’s **faith**, saying that I’m made right with Yah, as I experience tribulations, believe and do... **“faith represented through the action of my belief.”** Does that mean I am to glory, boast, and rejoice, to flaunt myself in my tribulations?*

*Exactly! What brought you to that faith, the action of your belief, to stand up for the truth of Yah? It was those trials you went through that **qualified** you as being “justified by **your faith**.” These are tests of **qualification**. Just as in the worldly realm, one must **qualify** and hold those **qualifications** to earn a position such as one in education, a degree, a license, etc., all requiring effort, discomfort, and pain. These are the trials a person puts forth to achieve a higher position; this very same principle applies to the spiritual realm.*

*Note, as Paul continues to explain, that those tribulations bring about patience. A tribulation is the **qualifier** for patience. The more trials I encounter and am willing to be developed by them, the more patience I'll have in dealing with the next trial...saints in training. So the next time you ask for patience, be prepared to receive the wisdom of Our Creator exercised through another trial...just what I needed!*

*Continuing, we see that patience reaps the reward of experience. We gain experience as we deal patiently with our trials through which we grow. Remember, the goal is to preach this gospel of life to others as it has been shown to us, **"to evangelize."** You will need patience as Christ had with His disciples to leave no offense. The reward of experience in trials brings about hope that is not founded upon things seen.*

Romans 8:24 For we are saved **by hope**: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

*These are just some of the **qualifiers** of the simple in faith who are willing to be molded into vessels of service. A cup that thinks its self glorious does not want to be changed into something different. Nor does a cup that is content in its service want to be broken and made over to serve in another capacity. But one that is looking for a perfect service or is not content in its appearance, is willing and desires to change.*

2Timothy 2:19~21 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ **depart from iniquity**. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore **purge himself** from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and **prepared unto every good work**.

Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the **wise and prudent**, and hast **revealed them unto babes**.

James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the **poor of this world rich in faith**, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them **that love him**?

Matthew 9:9~13 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him. And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be **whole** need not a physician, but they that are **sick**. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: **for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance**. Mr 2:17 & Lk 5:27

***God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.***

*Yah is qualifying the first fruits being called through their trials. And by exercising those trials they are being justified through faith, "The action of our belief." Selah!!!*

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