

“THIS I KNOW!”

Part 2: “Effectual Calling: 100% ‘Success’ Rate!”



Romans 8:30; Isaiah 55:8-11; Matthew 13:1-17, 22:14; John 10:22-30; II Peter 1:1-11, 3:9

Introduction: Claiming to be a Christian is not the same as actually BEING a Christian.

God’s purpose in election is that those who are saved will understand the Gospel and respond in thanksgiving and praise!

God sovereignly and effectually calls to Himself every one He has chosen before the world began!

Romans 8:28-30: “And those He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified ...” (vs. 30).

I. God’s revelation and “call” through creation ...

God’s call through creation reaches every human being !

Psalms 19:1-4a: “Their voice goes out through the whole earth” (vs. 4).

Romans 1:18-20: “What can be known about God is plain to them ... so they are without excuse” (vss. 19-20).

Here lies the “root cause” of human behavior: REBELLION !!

Jeremiah 13:23, 17:9: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” (17:9).

God’s revelation in nature calls all of mankind to bow the knee and to worship our Creator, but they will not.

II. God’s “universal call” in the Gospel ...

GOD decides who will hear the Gospel.

Deuteronomy 7:6-9: “The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession” (vs. 6).

Isaiah 43:1,6-7: “I have called you by name, you are mine!” (vs. 1).

Hebrews 4:1-2: “... but the message they heard did not benefit them, because it did not meet with faith in the hearers” (vs. 2).

II Corinthians 10:1-5: “... with most of them God was not pleased!” (vs. 5).

Romans 10:14-17: “... faith comes from hearing ... the word of Christ.”

Matthew 13:1-17: All four groups hear the Gospel, but only those who are “good soil” produce a crop ... are saved.

If you think God can be only be fair if He offers salvation to every single person and leaves it up to them to decide, you will never understand God’s plan OR His grace in salvation!!!

Isaiah 55:8-11 ... When it comes to the proclamation of the Gospel, God’s Word ALWAYS accomplishes God’s purpose.

II Corinthians 2:14-16: “... to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life” (vs. 16).

III. God’s “effectual call” of every one whom He has chosen!!

God begins the work of saving His elect and he will bring it to completion.

God’s call to His chosen children is 100% effective!

We who believe have placed our faith in Jesus because God effectually called us ... because He first chose us to be HIS.

II Thessalonians 2:13-14; II Timothy 1:8-9; Philippians 1:6: “And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you WILL bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ!” (Philippians 1:6).

II Peter 1:1-10: “... who called us to His own glory and excellence ... be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election” (vss. 3,10).

John 10:22-30 ... There is no uncertainty in God’s plan to save those whom He has chosen by His sovereign grace.

Romans 1:16: “I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes!”