

Paul - His Theology



Salvation – The Call

Lesson 24

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The Pop Star Understood



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I've been trying to get
down to the heart of the
matter.

But my will gets weak,
and my thoughts seem
to scatter.

But I think its about

Forgiveness

Forgiveness

(even if you don't love me!)

How good are you at forgiveness?



Importance

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Salvation's Start

God's Call

Importance of Forgiving

Remember the Lord's Prayer



“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”

Understanding God's forgiveness
brings:



Personal Peace

Understanding God's forgiveness brings:



A More Godly
Walk

Understanding God's forgiveness brings:



**Stronger
Relationships
and marriage**

Understanding God's forgiveness
brings:



Greater Joy in
Life

Understanding God's forgiveness brings:



Greater Love
for God and
Each Other

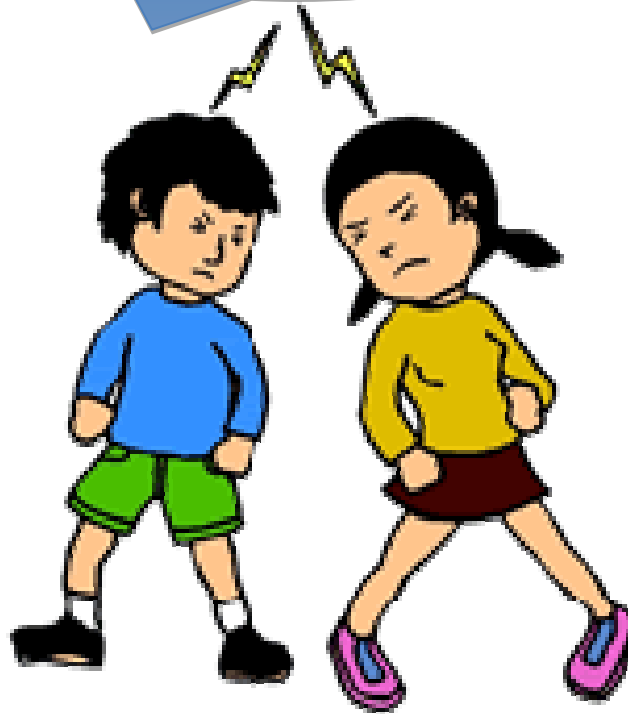
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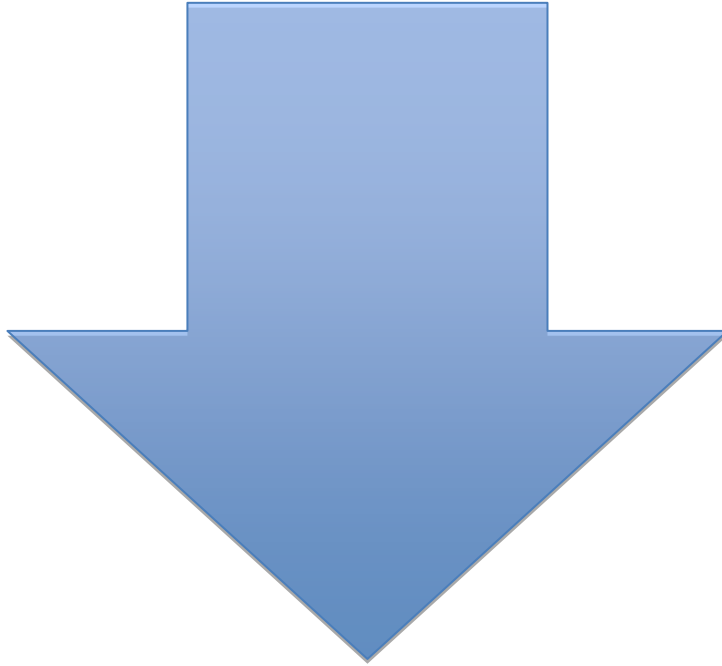
Salvation's Start

“She started
it!”



God

God



Man

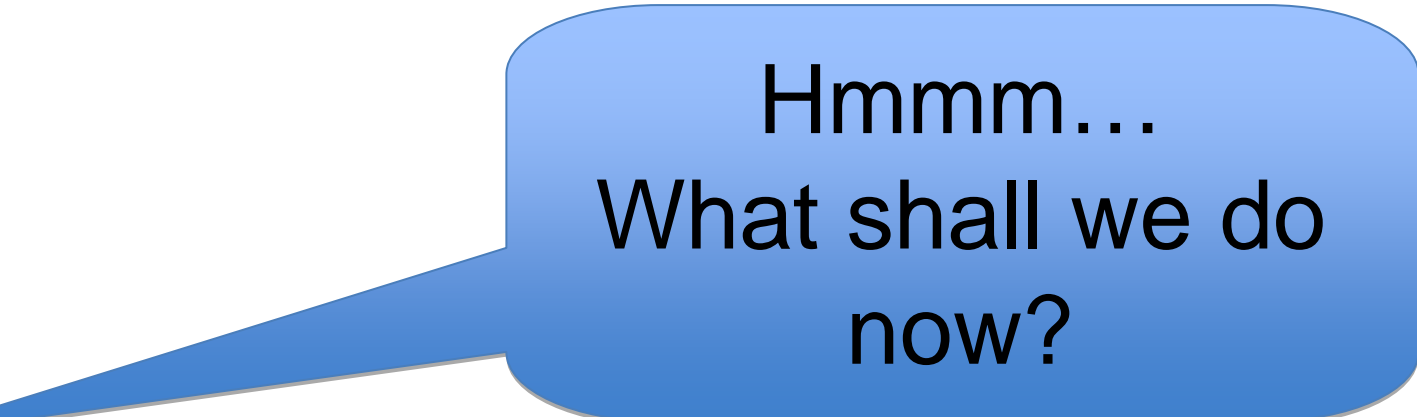
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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present age, **according to the will of our God and Father.**

(Gal. 1:3-4)

Salvation was no accident or
afterthought

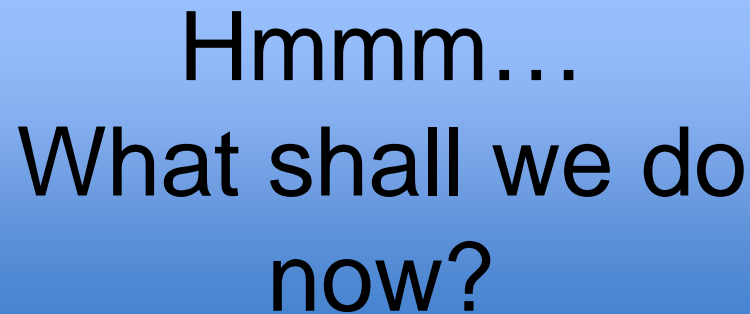


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What shall we do
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“... before the foundation of the world
... according to the purpose of his will” (Eph.
1:3-10)

God's decision came from God's Love

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Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself,
and God our Father, **who loved us and
gave us eternal comfort** and good hope
through grace, comfort your hearts and
establish them in every good work

(2 Thes. 2:16-17)

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But **God shows his love for us** in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

(Rom. 5:8)

God is in the Saving Business



Nothing Can Trump God's Love



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If God is for us, who can be against us? Neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Rom. 8:31-39)

Importance of Forgiving



Salvation's Start

Importance of Forgiving

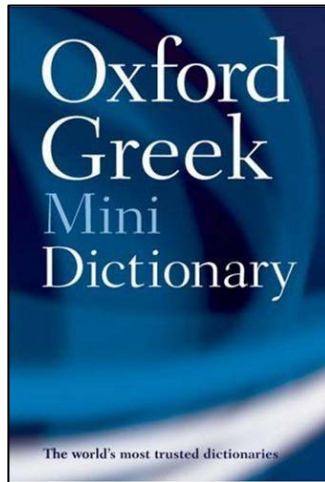
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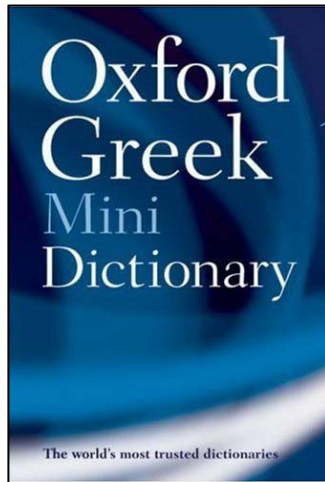
Salvation's Start

God's Call

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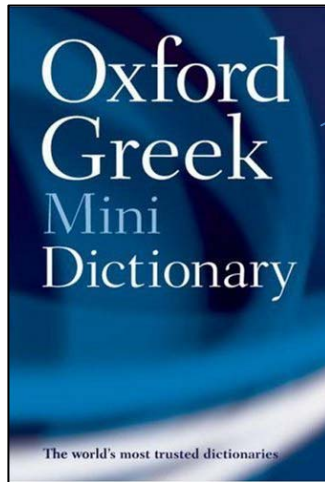


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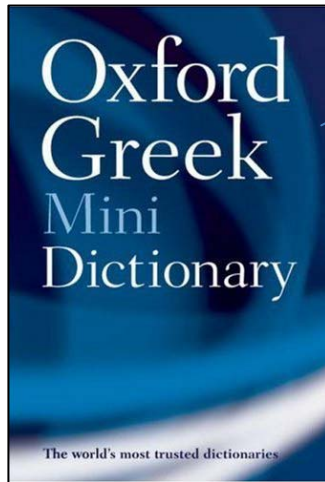
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“Call” assign a name

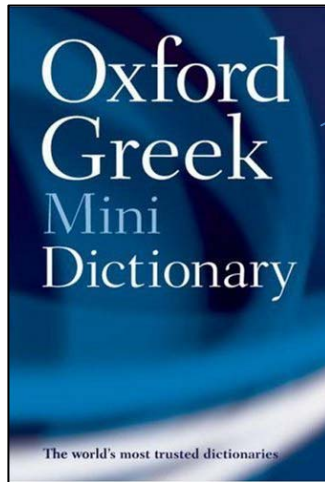
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“Call” - court
summons

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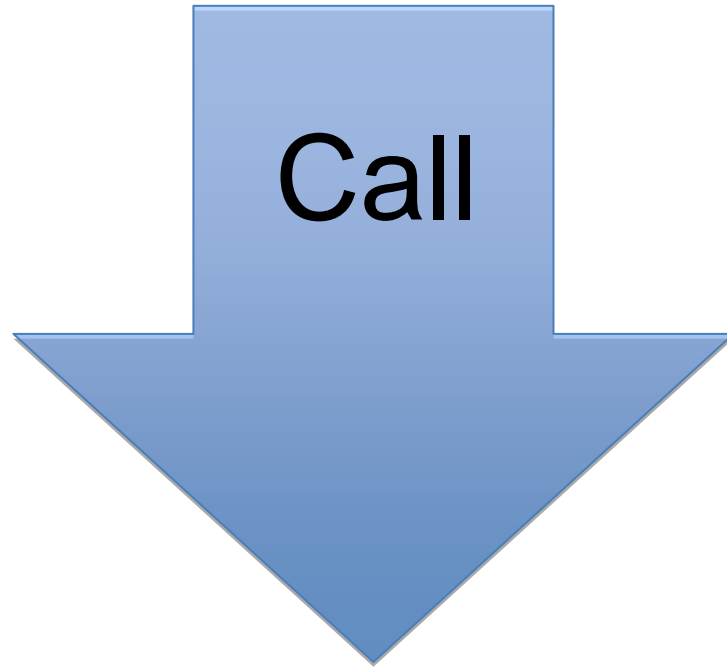


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For Paul:
“Call” – a vocation!

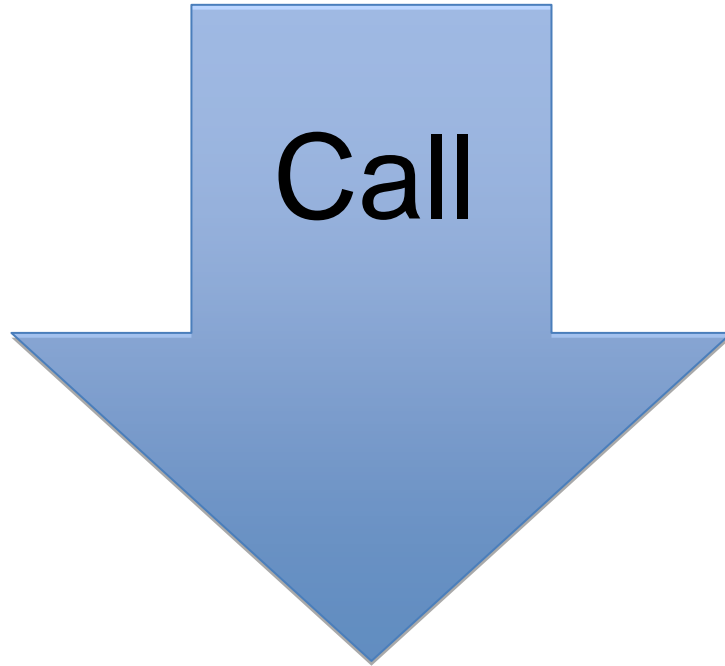
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Call

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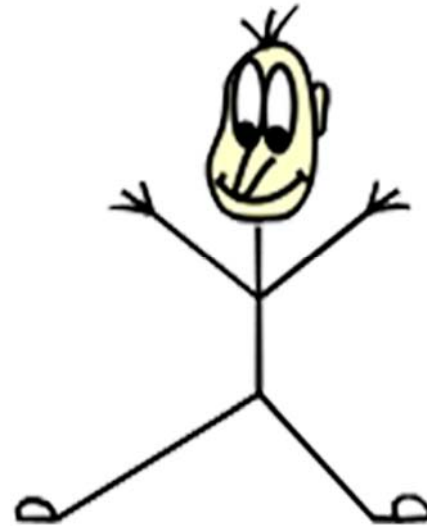


Man

Man Can Refuse, but **SHOULD NOT!**



God's call is Universal and Personal



“God loves each of us as though each were the only one” - Augustine

What Job are you called to?



God has “called” you to holiness

“For God has not **called** us to impurity,
but **in holiness**”
(1 Thes. 4:7)

God has “called” you to holiness



God calls you to peace

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“Be worried in nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And **the peace of God, which passes all understanding**, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

(Phil. 4:5-7)

God calls you to peace



God's call is one of grace!

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“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who **called** you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel”
(Gal. 1:6-7)

God calls you to fellowship

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God calls you into his kingdom and
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“We exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who **calls** you into his own kingdom and glory.”

(1 Thes. 2:12)

God calls you to belong to Christ

Paul “**called** to be an apostle” to the Romans “who are **called** to belong to Christ”
(Rom. 1:1)



God calls you to belong to Christ



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Walk in a manner worthy
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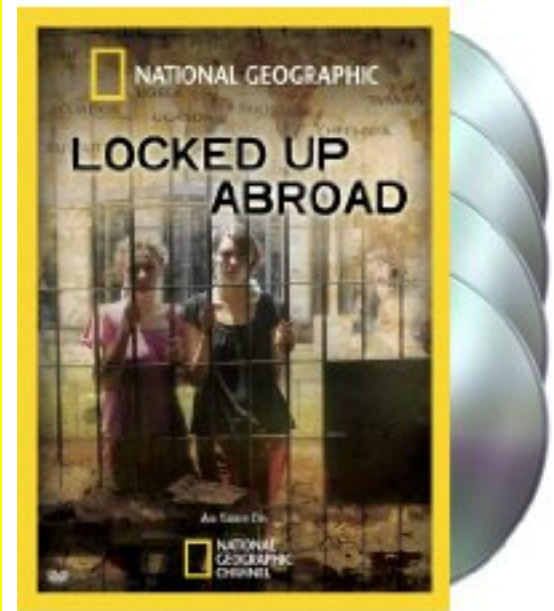
God calls you to freedom

“For you were **called** to freedom, brothers, Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another”

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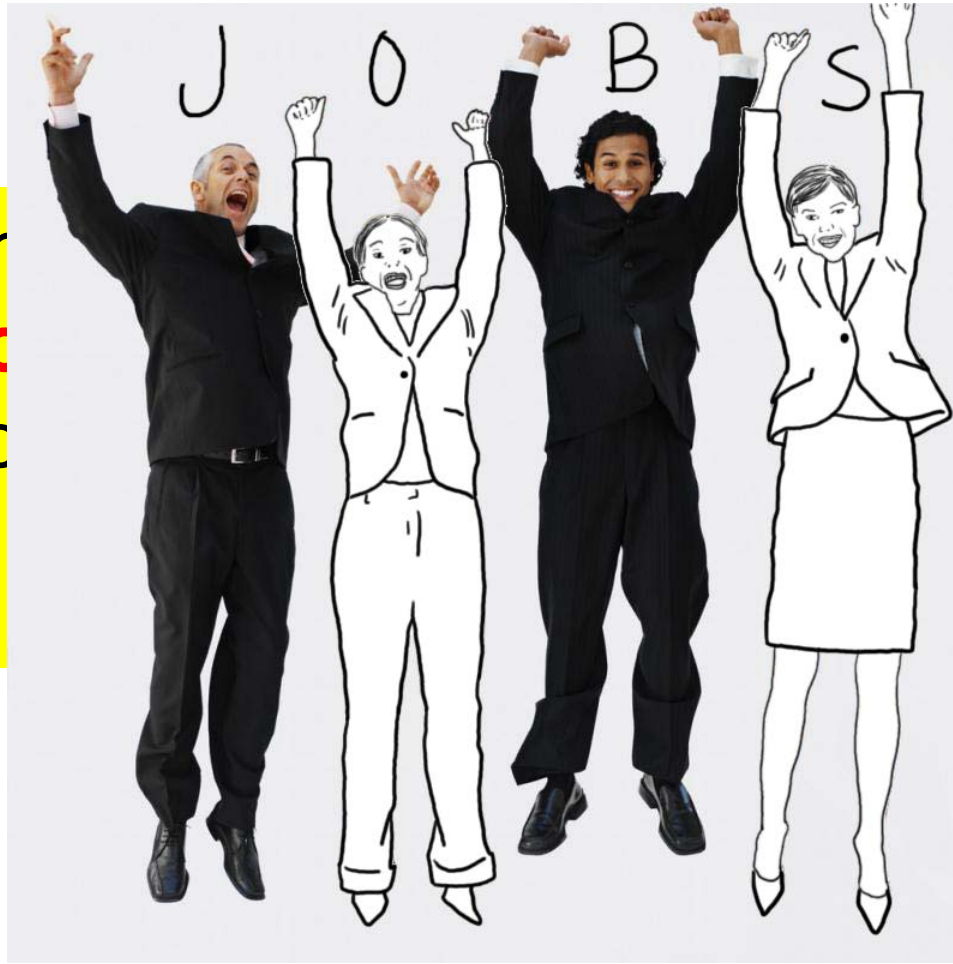
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“Take hold of the eternal life to which you were **called** and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses”

(1 Tim. 6:12)

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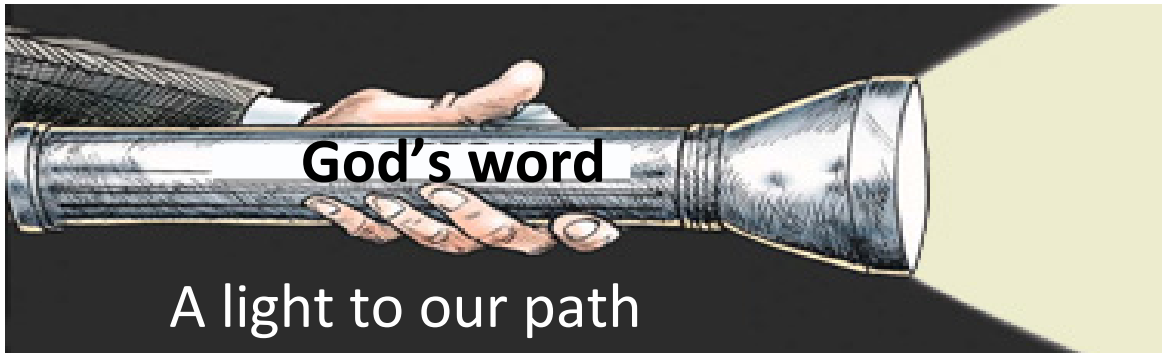
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God “saved us and **called** us to a holy
calling, not because of our works but
because of his own purpose and grace,
which he gave us in Christ before the
ages began ”

(2 Tim. 1:9)



Metaphors!

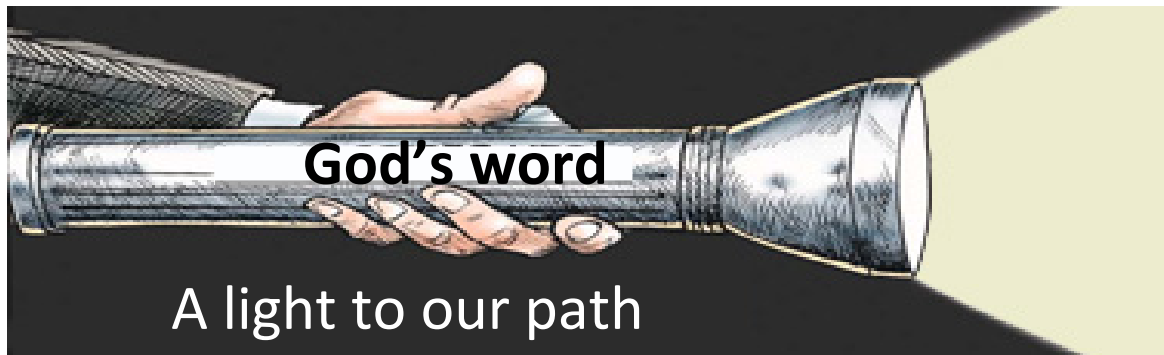


Points for Home

“God has not called us to impurity, but in holiness” (1 Thes. 4:7)



God's call is specific!

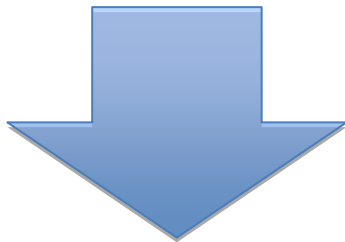


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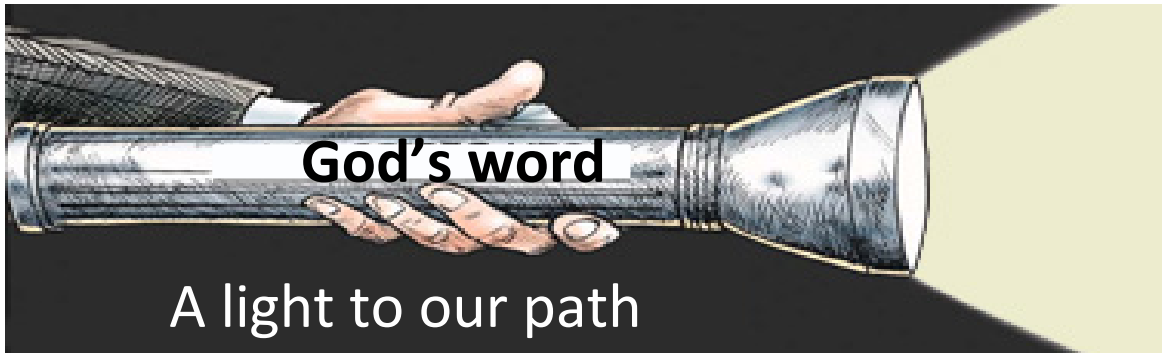
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God



Man

Forgiveness – DO we really want to hold grudges?



Points for Home

*“Walk in a manner worthy of God, who
calls you”* (1 Thes. 2:12)



Dress for the job!