

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday morning message

May 24, 2020

THE BENEFIT OF CELEBRATING GOD’S CALL

Acts 13.1-3

While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Acts 13.2

When we study what happened in the lives of Paul and Barnabas at the church in Antioch, here is what we discover about them – and us:

I. Servants _____ (v. 1)

II. Servants _____ (v. 2)

III. Servants _____ (v. 3)

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THE SURE CALL OF THE SAVIOR

2 Peter 1.10-11

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble.

2 Peter 1.10

I. Make sure of God's _____

II. Make sure of God's _____

III. Make sure of God's _____

WEEKLY WORSHIP CONNECTION

Walking in the Word –

A short weekly devotion to strengthen your walk with the Lord

This week's focus is: SERVING

Sunday, May 24: ACTS 13.1: *Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.*

There were no doubt more than these listed who were part of the church at Antioch, but these were singled out as prophets and teachers. God gifts each of His children with a special way to serve Him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our part is to be involved in His work through those gifts.

Thank God for the gifting of the Holy Spirit that enables you to serve God for His glory.

Monday, May 25: ACTS 13.2: *While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."*

The Holy Spirit did the calling because it is the Spirit of God who empowers the church. How the Holy Spirit spoke is not half as important as the fact that He did speak, and in that speaking was a setting aside of men for a particular work.

Ask God to help you be sensitive to the calling and leading of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Tuesday, May 26: ACTS 13.2: ACTS 13.2: *While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."*

To be 'set apart' for a special service to the Lord means that God wants to work through a person for a particular reason. God takes the gifts that He blesses us with and uses them in particular ministries for specific purposes.

Ask God to help you be open to whatever He wants to do through You.

WEDNESDAY, May 207

YOUR MID-WEEK CHECK-UP

1 Cor. 12.4-7

Notice the phrase in v. 7: 'for the common good'. What God does in us is for the benefit of others?

How has your time alone with God been so far this week?

How has God worked through you in serving Him in the church?

Thursday, May 28: ACTS 13.2: *While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."*

The work God has for us to do is the work God chooses. God does not called those who are qualified, God qualifies those He calls.

Thank God today for giving you specific ways in which you can serve Him through His church.

Friday, May 29: ACTS 13.3: *Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.*

The laying on of the hands is a symbol of the church giving its blessings to those God calls out for specific service.

Thank God today for how He works through different church members to accomplish His will.

Saturday, May 30

Read back over your notes from this week's devotions and message.

1. *What have you learned about the calling and gifting of God in your life?*

2. *How has your study of God's Word helped you in your walk with Christ?*

3. *What do you gain personally from gathering with other church members in serving the Lord?*

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Youth focus

THE JOY OF SERVING IN THE LORD'S CHURCH

ACTS 13.2: While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

God gives us the ability to serve Him through a special work of the Holy Spirit.

How have you come to understand how God has gifted you?

How have you served in the church?



1 COR. 1.26: For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble.

God doesn't call the qualified, God qualifies those He calls.

What do you think is the biggest obstacle you or others may be facing that would keep you from serving in the church?

EPH. 4.1: Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.

To 'walk' means to live. In other words, Paul is encouraging the church to live like Christians, to use what God has done within them for His glory.



How do you think this "walking in a manner worthy of the calling" should be lived out in your life?



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