

**“Understanding How to Make our Calling and Election Sure” 8/02/09**

2 Peter 1:10

Ephesians 1:18... “that you may know the hope of your calling”; 2 Peter 1:10

*“These were more **open-minded** (noble) than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and **searched the Scriptures** daily to find out whether these things were so.” (Acts 17:11)*

**POINT 1-** We need to understand the WHAT of our Calling and Election

- A. The what of election recognizes that it is according to God’s CHOICE  
(Rom 3:11; Eph 2:1-3; 8-9; John 6:44; Phil 1:29; 2 Tim 2:25; Matt 16:17)
- B. The what of election recognizes that is according to God’s WORK  
(Matt 20:1-16; Rom 9:6-16; Titus 3:5; 2 Tim 1:9; James 1:18; Acts 16:14;  
Rom 11:1-10; 4:4; Ezek 36:26-27; Eph 2:5-7; Psalm 65:4; John 6:37; 65;  
17:6-24)

*“It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy”  
(Romans 9:16)*

*“Jesus said, ‘You did not choose Me, but I chose you’” (John 15:16)*

*“We love Him because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19) **WE DO CHOOSE!***

**POINT 2-** We need to understand the WHEN of our Calling and Election

- A. Our election was done before the foundation of the WORLD  
(Eph 1:4; 2 Tim 1:9; 2 Thess 2:13; Matt 25:34; Rev 17:8; 13:8)

*“who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,” (2Timothy 1:9)*

**POINT 3-** We need to understand the WHY of our Calling and Election

- A. God has chosen us for the ultimate purpose of being HOLY  
(Eph. 1:4c; Romans 8:29-30)
- B. According to His own purpose and glory (2 Tim 1:9; Eph 1:5; Luke 10:21)
- C. God has predestined us to be a part of His family (Eph. 1:5)
- D. God chooses some for salvation to show His GRACE  
(Eph. 1:6; Rom 11:5; 9:22-23)

**POINT 4-** We need to understand the WHO of our Calling and Election

- A. God reserves the right to give His salvation to whom He pleases.  
(Matt 20:1-16; Rom 9:17-24; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Luke 10:21; Acts 13:48;  
James 2:5; 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Ezek 33:11)

**Going Deeper** *God wants you to be diligent, take comfort, and rejoice that you are called*  
(2 Tim 2:10; Rom 8:28; Luke 4:14-30; Eph 4:1; 2 Thess 1:11)