

“Called, Loved, Kept”

Jude 1-2

Introduction

(Matthew 13:55; John 7:5; Mark 3:20-21)

I. What EVERY Christian Can/Should/Must Say about Themselves

Note: These two verses are more than a greeting & mere formality; they present the _____!

Note: Prior to exhorting his readers to contend for the faith, Jude _____ them of the Gospel.

Note: Jude insists that we _____ the Gospel BEFORE we contend for the Gospel.

1) CALLED:

Romans 1:6-7b - “...you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints...”

1 Corinthians 1:2a, 9, 23-24 - “(2a) To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints... (9) God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (23-24) ...we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

1 Timothy 6:12a - “Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called...”

1 Peter 3:9 - “Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.”

Revelation 17:14 - “They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

Note: This one word description reveals a wealth of _____!!!

2 Timothy 1:8-9 -

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 - “...we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Note: We can only appreciate this gracious call when we consider our dismal _____ prior to this gracious call.

Ephesians 2:1-9 -

Acts 16:14 -

Romans 10:17 - “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

(1 Cor. 1:9; 1 Pet. 3:9; Gal. 5:13; 1 Cor. 7:15; 1 Thess. 4:7; Eph. 4:4; 1 Tim. 6:12; Rom. 8:28-30)

John 6:35 - "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

John 6:37b - "...whoever comes to me I will never cast out."

Matthew 11:28 - "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

2) LOVED:

Note: When you look behind the "call" of God, you discover the _____ of God!

Ephesians 1:4-5 - "In love he predestined us for adoption..."

Romans 5:8 - "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 8:38-39 -

John 3:16 -

John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Note: Every Christian can/should/must say with _____: "I am loved by God the Father."

Hebrews 12:5-6 - "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

Romans 8:1 - "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

3) KEPT:

John 10:27-28 - "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

John 6:39-40 - "...this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Hebrews 7:23-25 -

1 John 2:1 -

Jude 24-25 -

4) RESULTS/BLESSINGS of being "called", "loved" & "kept":

Note: The RESULT of being "called", "loved", & "kept" is that "mercy, peace, and love" will be _____ and given to you.