

SERMON OUTLINE

SERMON TITLE: Contentment in Christ's Calling

PASSAGE: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

DATE: April 11, 2021

"Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. 21 Were you a bondservant⁴ when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. 24 So, brothers,⁵ in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God."

Main Idea

God calls us to himself, not a position or set of circumstances

I. Supporting Claim #1

- God's calling is not defined by religious activity or category but by God's grace (7:18-20).

II. Supporting Claim #2

- God's calling is not defined by social status or circumstances but by one's identity in Christ (7:21-24).

Application

1. This should change the way we view our circumstances.
2. This should change the way we view ourselves.
3. This should change the way we view God.

Benediction

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." – Colossians 3:16-17

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