

Volume 5, Day 22: Redeemed and Called

— but Are You a Disciple?

Be careful not to dismiss the call of God to you. Everyone who is saved is called to testify to the changes God affected in you when you were saved. But preaching is not limited to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Preaching is 'to express your affection for anyone or anything in your life. Preaching the Gospel is only one illustration of preaching. You will find yourself preaching all the time about one thing or another that has great meaning for you. It could be to speak proudly about someone you love. It could be to speak passionately about some charitable activity you find personally fulfilling.

Paul is referring in this verse to the pain he would feel if he failed to 'preach' the Gospel which affect was to radically transform him from the inside out. Paul's motives became those of the One who saved him from himself. However, do not apply what Paul says in this connection to souls coming in contact with God for salvation. Paul's words have to do with becoming so overwhelmed by love for Jesus that he wants to be nothing other than a servant of Jesus. And as servants our permission is never asked as to what we will do or where we will go.

God makes us broken bread and poured-out wine to please Himself. To be "separated unto the gospel" means to hear the call of God and be so deeply affected by it that every ambition is nipped in the bud, every desire of self-life quenched, every outlook completely extinguished and blotted out, except for that one thing only - "separated unto the gospel." The soul who tries to go in any other direction when once that call has come to him, will be thoroughly miserable.

We are condemned to salvation through the Cross of Jesus Christ. Discipleship has an option with it - "If any man. . ."

My Confirming Scriptures:

Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan