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Dear Associates and Friends,

“[Types of People God Is Calling](#)” is the May 2026 Doctrinal Article. People in Scripture you thought were special ... they were **not** so special after all. However, they were special because they trusted God. He gave them the strength to persevere in the tasks God gave them.

It can also at times be disheartening that so few things we learned in the past about the people, the history, and the teachings of the Bible in the past, were true when examined closely. However, the true information contained in the Bible is far more interesting than we have imagined. We should not despair because of the wrong things we were taught. It is always a good thing to learn the truth — whenever that happens, even if we learn late in life.

Each of us who are Christian believers have been allotted to be born when we were born, allotted to learn the truths of God when He has assigned for us to learn His truths, while we live our lives and experience the good, the bad, the beauty, the ugliness, the joy and horror of God’s creation and His written Word, the Bible. We will learn these things **WHEN** God sees fit for us to learn them, as we live our lives. The apostle Paul wrote to the believers of the Ephesian *ekklesia*, and his words to them apply to you, me, and all Christians:

“In Whom you also — on hearing the word of truth, the evangel [Gospel] of your salvation — in Whom on believing also, YOU ARE SEALED with THE HOLY SPIRIT of promise (which is an earnest [a down payment] of THE ENJOYMENT OF OUR ALLOTMENT, to the deliverance of that which has been procured) for the laud [acclaim] of His [God’s] glory!”

• *Ephesians 1:13–14 CLV*

When we are glorified, each of us will learn (to our surprise!) how much we have learned, grown, and matured to patiently and lovingly deal with life events in ways that have pleased God in ways we cannot understand now. Yes, God will be well pleased in **YOU**, just as our God said about Christ in Matthew 3:17, 17:6; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22; and 2 Peter 1:17. With these passages in mind, read more of what Paul wrote:

“[We pray ...] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may be giving you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the realization [*epignosis*, “full knowledge”] of Him, the eyes of your heart having been enlightened, for you to perceive

[1] **WHAT is the expectation of His calling, and**

[2] **WHAT [are] the riches of the glory of the enjoyment of His allotment among the saints, and**

[3] **WHAT [is] the transcendent greatness of His power FOR US who are believing,**

in accord with the operation of the might of His strength ...”

• *Ephesians 1:16–19 CLV*

Thank You

One task of the work of ASK is to convey that God will fulfill His promises to you, just as He fulfilled His promises to Christ on earth — He gives you the same promises and you will reap the same glory as Christ has now (1 John 3:2). Let me put it to you this way. We are locked into God’s promises. He is committed. He will make sure you respond to His love. He wants that result. You want that result. Yes, there will be difficulties in your life before we are glorified.

And yes, ASK operates because of your support. Thank you.

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