# Confirming Your Calling and Election

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## INTRODUCTION

- Have you ever considered what you wish your deathbed experience to be like?
- What advice would you give to perhaps your children or to your friends or to loved ones if you were on your deathbed this very morning.
- While he's not necessarily on his deathbed, his death is certainly in view.

## 1 It Is Our Duty to Confirm Our Calling and Election

**2 Peter 1:10–11; 2 Peter 1:3–4; Matthew 7:13–14**

- Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election.
- It is our duty to confirm our calling and election. It is not God's fault if we doubt him.
- God has provided the way. God has provided the path. It is up to us to choose to follow it.
- God is great and powerful, but the choice, the confirmation that we wish to feel and to live out is our decision to make.

## 2 Our God Is a God of Peace

**Philippians 4:4–9**

- If we make up our mind that we can choose it, we can have peace.
- The peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.
- If you take on the attributes of Christ and you live them out, then you will have the God of peace with you.

## 3 What Is the Call? Called Through the Gospel

**2 Thessalonians 2:13–14**

- Maybe you've heard of predestination. The idea that God has chosen and elected us as individuals before the creation of time.
- To this, he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- God didn't close his eyes, pluck out some names, and say, These will be mine.
- It's more than just listening, it's doing. It's a life that is changed by the gospel that we heard. Real faith works.

## 4 No Once Saved, Always Saved

**Hebrews 3:12–14; Hebrews 6:4–6; Hebrews 10:26**

- Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.
- How can you fall away from something you have not once been with? I cannot fall from this platform if I am not up here.
- Those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, these are saved people.
- For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.
- Every branch of me that does not bear fruit, he takes away. It can be lost.

## 5 Set Tangible Goals: Add These Qualities

**2 Peter 1:5–7; 2 Corinthians 5:6–10; 1 John 4:20–21**

- How can we confirm it? Set tangible goals. Realize that Peter is not saying you have to be perfect.
- Faith in God is not just believing that God exists. Faith in God is knowing it and living it.
- We need to add to our faith virtue.
- Set goals for my study and my growth.
- We better be in it for the long haul. And that means short-term sacrifices for eternity in the long run.
- Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Get back on track today. Don't delay. Take advantage of our wonderful God's grace and mercy this very morning.**

MY NOTES