

Calvinism – External vs. Internal Call

General (Gospel Call) — External Call

Matthew 11:28 NASB

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 28:19-20 NASB

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Acts 17:30 NASB

Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,

Revelation 22:17 NASB

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

Effectual Call — Internal Call

Matthew 22:14 NASB

For many are called, but few are chosen."

Acts 2:39 NASB

For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

Acts 16:14 NASB

A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

Romans 8:28-30 NASB

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. [29] For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; [30] and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Romans 9:11 NASB

for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,

Romans 9:24 NASB

even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

Galatians 5:13 NASB

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Ephesians 1:18 NASB

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 2:11 NASB

Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands-

Ephesians 4:4 NASB

There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

Colossians 3:15 NASB

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

1 Thessalonians 4:7 NASB

For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 NASB

To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power,

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 NASB

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. [14] It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 6:12 NASB

Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2 Timothy 1:9 NASB

who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

Hebrews 9:15 NASB

For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 11:8 NASB

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

1 Peter 1:15 NASB

but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

1 Peter 2:9 NASB

But you are a CHOSEN RACE, A royal priesthood, A holy NATION, a PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2 Peter 1:3 NASB

seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:10 NASB

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;

➤ To summarize: The general call is the Gospel to which we preach to all men without exception. Why? Because we have no idea who the elect are. The problem is men do not understand the Gospel Call {Romans 8:7-9; 1 Cor 2:14; 1 Cor 1:18; John 8:40-44; Acts 22:9}. These are spiritual things that they simply cannot understand unless the Spirit give them eyes

to see. This is the Effectual Call...Lydia and Paul are two prime examples of this in scripture. God grants and enables them to understand the Gospel through the Spirit by Regeneration.