

THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD

Philippians 3:13-14

INTRO:

- A. Paul describes God's call to us as an upward call.
- B. Other voices call us to sin and destruction.
- C. Which call will you hear?

I. GOD'S CALL

- A. Come to me. Matthew 11:28-30
- B. An upward call. Philippians 3:14
- C. A holy calling. 2 Timothy 1:8-9
- D. Out of darkness. I Peter 2:9
- E. Into His kingdom. I Thessalonians 2:11-12
- F. To eternal glory. I Peter 5:10-12
- G. By the gospel. 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

II. OTHER VOICES CALL

- A. Satan. Matthew 4:8-10
- B. The world. James 4:4; I John 2:15-17
- C. Sinners. Proverbs 1:10,15

III. RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

- A. Believe it. Romans 1:16
- B. Repent and be baptized. Acts 2:36-38
- C. Walk worthy of it. Ephesians 4:1-3
- D. Get up when we fall. I John 1:7-10
- E. Press on. Philippians 3:12-14

CONCLUSION:

- A. God's call is always a high and holy calling, to come to Him for salvation and eternal glory.
- B. While Satan and the world call us to sin and destruction.
- C. Are you listening to God's call?
- D. Will you obey Him today?