

Topic: Embracing Your Life's Calling

Text: Colossians 1:1-2

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Introduction:

- God made you with a _____ and a plan
- Paul never set foot in the churches of Colossae and yet he wrote to them.
- The first two verses describe the writer and the receiver.

I. The Call of Paul (The Writer)

- A. Paul's Past - He was a murderer and _____ of Christians. He approved the killing of Stephen - Acts 7:57-58.
- B. Paul's Salvation - The Lord came to Paul _____ and saved him - Acts 9:3-7.
- C. Paul's Ministry - When he heard God's call to service, He responded and was set apart for Him - Acts 13:1-4.
- D. Paul's Arrest - Even when he was imprisoned, he was _____ and served God - Acts 21:27-33.

HE HAS SAVED US AND CALLED US
TO A HOLY CALLING, NOT BECAUSE
OF OUR WORKS, BUT BY HIS OWN
PURPOSE AND BY THE GRACE HE
GRANTED US IN CHRIST JESUS
BEFORE TIME BEGAN.
- 2 TIMOTHY 1:9

PAUL
DISCOVERED
HIS
CALLING



II. The Call of Timothy (v.1) - the brother in the Lord

- A. Timothy's parents were mixed marriage and was not easily _____ during his time (Acts 16:1)
- B. He got saved because of the _____ of his grandmother and mother (2 Tim. 1:5)
- C. Timothy _____ his call and joined Paul to encourage other believers (Acts 15:19-20; 16:4)
- D. Timothy was not ashamed of His calling even when his friend Paul was imprisoned.

TIMOTHY PURSUED HIS CALLING

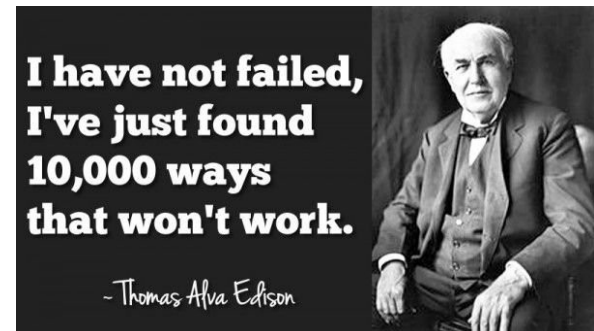
III. The Call of the Church (v.2 - The Recipient)



- A. Colossae was a prominent city but lost its _____.

- B. Christianity grew in the city and Paul made personal connections to its leaders like Epaphras, Philemon and Onesimus (Col. 4:7-9).
- C. The Christian Churches had struggled
1. It struggled over _____ Philosophy and Polytheism - claiming that Jesus is one of the many deities they can worship (Col. 2:8-9)
 2. It struggled over salvation by _____ through faith (popular was salvation by works, Col. 2:13-14)
 3. It struggled over _____ with other people: among family members; among co-workers; among community - (Col. 3:18-25)

THE CHURCH DEFENDED ITS CALLING



Conclusion: Don't give up too soon....

- The lesson from Paul is to discover your call by _____ Jesus
- The lesson from Timothy is to pursue your call by _____ with Jesus
- The lesson from the church is to defend your call by _____ in Jesus