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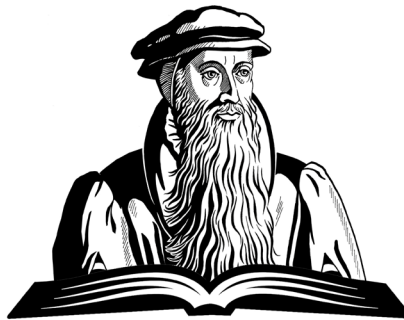
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ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #23

Effectual Calling

Memorization

Question 31: *What is effectual calling?*

Answer: *Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.*

Question 32: *What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?*

Answer: *They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. The gospel offered.
3. The effectual call.
4. Conclusion.

Literal Study

Question 31

1. Define these terms as they are used in this lecture.

a) Effectual _____

b) Persuade _____

c) Enable _____

d) Freely _____

e) Gospel _____

f) Renew _____

7. Paraphrase the answer to Question #31, or put it into your own words.

Question 32

1. Define these terms as they are used in this lecture.

a) Justification _____

b) Adoption _____

c) Sanctification _____

2. Paraphrase the answer to Question #32, or put it into your own words.

Lecture Checkup

1. What is actually offered in the gospel offer?

2. What is the good news that saves? How is this good news made known?

3. To whom should Jesus Christ be offered? Should he only be offered to the elect?

4. Is Christ offered based on some preparations in the sinner? Is it only offered to the righteous?
How is Christ offered?

5. Who is the worker of effectual calling? Why is it that many hear the gospel, but there are some who refuse, and some who receive?

6. What are the three main parts of the Holy Spirit's work in effectual calling?

7. Describe the convicting work of the Holy Spirit.

8. Describe the enlightening work of the Holy Spirit?

9. What is the renewing work of the Holy Spirit? What is it that is being renewed?

10. What things happen to the sinner when he or she is effectually called?

11. What three main blessings come to a sinner when he or she is united to Christ?

Further Studies

1. What is the difference between effectual calling and ineffectual calling?

2. What is the knowledge of Christ which the Spirit enlightens our minds with after conviction of our sin and misery?

3. What is it for our will to be renewed?

Practical Application

1. Read Luke 18, verses 9 to 14, and meditate on the differences between the Pharisee and the publican in that parable. How do we see the effectual call of the Spirit in this passage?

2. Have you heard the free offer of Christ in the gospel preached? Have you experienced the effectual calling of the Holy Spirit? Have you embraced the good news of Christ?

Project Ideas

1. Is there anything in the sinner that can be added when embracing Jesus Christ as Savior? Explain how the “free offer” means that the sinner cannot do anything to make themselves worthy of salvation.

2. Is conviction of sin a special kind of merit that makes a sinner acceptable to Christ? Explain your answer.
