

## Answering God's Call

(1 Peter 1:15-16)

- Introduction:
1. There are many in this assembly who would give almost anything to receive a call from their mother or father.
  2. One thing is sure, if God granted our mother or father a call from the next life, we'd be sure to answer it.
  3. In the book of 1 Peter, Peter records five calls from God to us.
  4. How have we responded?

### I. God Called Us to Holiness

- A. (1 Peter 1:15-16).
- B. Have we taken this calling seriously?
- C. Or would God think we're too much like the world (Romans 12:2)?
- D. Holiness isn't just avoiding evil, but it is pursuing good.
- E. (Hebrews 12:14).

### II. God Called Us Out of Darkness

- A. (1 Peter 2:9).
- B. Jesus was the light of the world (John 1:6-9).
- C. He has illuminated his doctrine, our purpose, and our destiny.
- D. Yet, how many remain in darkness today?

### III. God Called Us to Suffer

- A. (1 Peter 2:21).
- B. Does the way you live your "Christian life" put you in danger of suffering?
- C. Does the world know you're the enemy (John 15:18-19).
- D. We're not just to suffer, but to suffer as Jesus suffered.

### IV. God Called Us to Self-Control

- A. (1 Peter 3:9).
- B. Don't make excuses, obey the call.
- C. (Romans 12:17-21).

### V. God Called Us to Glory

- A. (1 Peter 5:10).
- B. Don't think you can answer this call if you have ignored the others.
- C. God is so good (Psalm 38:4).
- D. What an amazing future we have ahead of us.

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, God has been calling.
  2. Have you answered?
  3. God hasn't called us to give up a few hours every first day of the week, he's called us to a lifestyle of godliness.
  4. It's not easy, but it's worth it (Matthew 16:26).