

## AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP

### MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

**TOPIC:** The Call of God: Aligning with His Purpose

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**Main Text:** Romans 12:4-8.

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The call of God who is sovereign- does what He wants, when He wants, the way He wants, and He asks no one's permission- is His invitation/summons to us to partner with Him and participate in His grand, eternal scheme which He put in place before time began.

In Romans 8:28-30, the Holy Spirit through Paul began to show us all the wonderful things God has done for us leading up to and following His call upon our lives. Last week, we began to look at what God expects our response to all this should be in terms of action and speech- our confession.

Today, we will conclude our study by looking at God's call and His specific enablement given to us to accomplish His call and purpose.

#### **God's Grace and Gifts**

Romans 12:6. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

1 Peter 4:10. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

God is practical. He would not offer you a place in which you are ill-equipped to function. He would not send you into kingdom battle without giving you armor and weapons and the training you need to use them. He would not assign you a job without giving you all the tools you need. The tools are the charismata.

Charis- Grace; Charisma- a manifestation of grace, or grace made manifest or specific; Charismata- multiple manifestations of grace.

Grace is the free, unmerited favor and enablement of God toward the undeserving and the ill-deserving.

The scriptures give us a wide array of charismata which for simplicity I have categorized into 5 headings.

#### **Basic Charismata**

Righteousness- Romans 5:17

Eternal life- Romans 6:23

#### **Personal Charisma**

Celibacy- 1 Corinthians 7:1-7

**Spiritual Charismata.** 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

*Gifts of revelation-* Word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discerning of spirits

*Gifts of power-* Faith, workings of miracles, gifts of healings

*Vocal gifts-* Tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy

### **Ministry Charismata**

*Persons:* Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors/shepherds, Teachers. Ephesians 4:7-12, 1 Corinthians 12:28.

*Specimens:* Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhorting/Encouraging, Giving/Sharing, Leading/Ruling, Showing mercy, Helps, Administration. Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:28, 1 Peter 4:11

### **Other Charismata**

Wisdom, skill, ability in construction. Exodus 35:30-35, 36:1-2.

Knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. Daniel 1:17

Ability to understand visions and dreams. Daniel 1:17

### **Discerning God's call/purpose**

What are your desires/passions?

What are your abilities and gifts?

What doors are open to you and which are closed?