

"THE CALLING OF THE FLOCK"

JOHN 1:29-42

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Introduction

1. Come and _____!

John 1:29-33 – *The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.'³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."³² And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'*

John 1:34 – *And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."*

2. Come and _____!

John 1:35-36 – *The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"*

"This is now the foundation of our faith, that we know where our sins are laid; for the Law loads them upon our conscience, presses them upon our bosom, but God lifts them away from us and places them upon the shoulders of the Lamb. For while they lay upon me and upon the world, we were lost; for sin is too powerful and too mighty. And God says; "I know that your sins are too heavy to bear, therefore Behold, I place them upon my Lamb and take them from you. This you must believe; for then you are free also from sin. Sin has two places where it may rest; either upon yourself, so that it hangs upon your neck, or it rests upon Christ, so that you are free and may be saved; choose therefore what shall it be." The truth that the whole sin of the world is placed upon Christ and is compensated by Him, we must accept in faith so that it becomes the property of the soul." (Martin Luther)

2 Corinthians 3:18 – *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."*

3. Come and _____.

John 1:37 – *The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.*

John 1:43 – *The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."*

Luke 9:23 – *And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."*

4. Come and _____.

John 1:38-39 – *Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"³⁹ He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.*

John 1:45-46 – *Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."*

5. Come and _____ others as well.

John 1:40-42 – *One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).*

John 12:20-22 – *Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks.²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.*

Conclusion