



The Call

Part 3



- How do I view the world?
Worldview
- How does the world view me?
Character
- How does God view me?
Calling
- How do I view God?
Spiritual Formation

Christian Worldview

A person is standing on a dark, flat horizon line, looking out over a vast, open landscape. The sky is a mix of light blue and white, suggesting a clear or slightly hazy day. The overall mood is contemplative and expansive.

We must understand our view of:

- God and Origins
- Humanity
- Our relationship to God
- Our relationship to fellow humans
- How we should live
(morality/ethics)



How does God view us?



How we think God views us?

Eusebius – 4th Century

Concept of a dualistic view of walking with Christ.

First Distortion on Calling

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1. The Perfect Life

The Clergy, Nuns, Monastics,
Holy Orders, the Counsel of
Perfection, Celibacy

First Distortion on Calling

A person is standing on a dark, flat horizon line. The sky above is a gradient of teal and light blue, with some wispy clouds. The overall scene is minimalist and contemplative.

2. The Permitted Life

Farmers, Workers, Skilled
Craftsmen, Soldiers, Marriages



Sacred/Secular

Supernatural/Natural

Spiritual/Physical

Called by God/Not Called by God

Celibacy/Marriage

Literate/Illiterate

A person stands on a dark horizon line, looking out over a vast landscape under a teal and blue sky. The scene is mirrored vertically, creating a symmetrical effect.

Upper Story

Do the Work of the Ministry /
Commune with God

Lower Story

A person is standing on a dark, flat horizon line. The sky above is a light teal color with some wispy clouds. The overall scene is symmetrical and has a calm, contemplative feel.

Watch the Work of the
Ministry/Watch Spiritual
experiences



There is no dualism with Christ/God

No Male or Female

No Rich or Poor

No Slave or Free

No Greek or Jew



Protestants spoke out against dualism

The Priesthood of all believers.

There was dignity in work.

A Second Distortion on Calling

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Over time work began to be more important than devotion to God.

We became devoted to our work instead of God.

What is Christian Calling?

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There is:

A Caller

Someone called

A Statement (a calling)

A Response

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How do you described this calling?

1. The Primary Call

Our primary calling as followers of Christ is **by him, to him, and for him** –

The Audience of One

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How do you described this calling?

2. The Secondary Call

Our secondary calling, considering who God is as sovereign, is that **everyone**, **everywhere**, and in **everything** I should think, speak, live and act entirely for Him.



Who I Am Before God is the primary call.

Singular – Every Christian has this call.



What I do with my life is the
Secondary call.

Varied – Each Christian has a
different call to work and
ministry.



“I humbly submit that you can
serve both God and your
work.”

Said to William Wilberforce

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The Disciples were called by Jesus in two ways:

1. They were called to Christ

Come Follow Me

Matthew 4:18-20 (page 683)

The Disciples were called by Jesus in two ways:



2. They were called to do something

And I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:18-20 (page 683)



Luke 3:12-14 (page 726)

Tax Collectors were called to collect fairly.

Soldiers were called to treat people fairly without extortion, be content, no false accusations.



Luke 19:1-9 (page 743)

Zacchaeus the tax collector
was to stay in his business
but infuse it with a biblical
ethic.



John 21:19-22 (page 770)

Jesus says one final time to
Peter.

Come follow me.



The mixing of three very important aspects of our Christian lives occurred.

Work

Worship

and Play (recreation/rest)



We now:

*Work at our play, play at our
worship, and worship our work.*