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## **WE ARE CALLED FROM DARKNESS INTO THE LIGHT – THE CALL OF SALVATION**

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 PETER 2:9-10; 1 JOHN 3:1

**key theme:** As believers, the 2<sup>nd</sup> dimension of our calling from God is to be His children, those whom God has called from darkness into his wonderful light, that we may daily live our lives as people who have been redeemed.

**1) How did darkness come into this world?**

*The bible declares that through one man's sin, Adam's, we entered into a world full of darkness.*

*Darkness represents our rebellion against God. It is the inner desire in mankind to be self-sufficient or to exist without the dependence on the eternal God. Darkness is death!*

**2) God calls us out of darkness into the light**

*God redeems us from a life of darkness into the light by the His great power.*

*He completes the work before we ever deserved His gift and then invites us to come to what he have prepared for us.*

**3) Why does God call us out of darkness?**

*Because darkness will never produce the fruitfulness of life that he has designed for us; Darkness will never allow us to see the righteous robe that he wants to clothe us with; Darkness will never allow our relationship with God to flourish.*

**4) How do we daily live out the calling to be a people who have been redeemed by God, walking in the light?**

a. We must declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness.  
*[Psalms 107]*

b. We must forsake or put off every thing that hinders us from walking humbly before God.

*[Hebrews 12:1-3] Throw off; Run;  
Fix your eyes; Consider*

c. We must continue to obey when God calls for us to walk in the light.

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