

HOW GOD BRINGS HIS ELECT PEOPLE IN - Outline

Text: ***"Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins"*** Matthew 1:21. Also read Psalm 107, verses 1 thru 8. Notice that it is the work of God alone, as He brings His chosen people into the fold.

I. AWAKENING – See Psalm 119:59 and Luke 15:11-24.

1. God awakens us to our LOST condition.
2. God awakens us to the Great Judgment Day.
3. God awakens us to the CERTAINTY of Hell.
4. God awakens us to our HELPLESS condition.
5. God awakens us to the danger of the unpardonable sin (Mat. 12:31-37).

II. WITHERING.

1. God withers us with His Holy Law (Exodus 20).
2. God withers us by mercy.
3. God withers us by grace.
4. God withers us with Providence.
5. God withers us with the Holy Ghost (Isa. 40:6-9).

III. QUICKENING – See John 5:21.

1. Regenerates
2. Makes alive
3. Gives spiritual life (Eph. 2:1-10).

IV. DRAWING – Notice John 6:44-45.

1. Blessed, sweet work as the Holy Ghost draws us to the Saviour.
2. Holy Ghost leads us to Christ.
3. Holy Ghost wins us to Christ.
4. Holy Ghost loves us to Christ.
5. Holy Ghost attracts us to Christ.

V. GRANTING OF REPENTANCE – Notice Acts 5:29-33; 11:18.

1. Repentance is a change of mind.
2. Repentance is a change of masters.
3. Repentance is a change of manners, of lifestyle.
4. Repentance is a change of mission.
5. Repentance involves a change of motives (Gal. 1:23; Acts 9:15).

VI. CREATING OF FAITH – See Eph. 2:8-10; Acts 18:27.

This saving, God-given faith is —

1. A receiving faith
2. A believing faith
3. An acting faith
4. An obedient faith
5. A faith that commits its all to Christ (2 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 6:1-9)

VII. GIVING OF A NEW HEART – Read Ezek. 36:26-31.

1. A NEW heart, not the natural deceitful heart (Jer. 17:9)
2. A NEW spirit
3. A NEW mind
4. A NEW will (Psa. 110:3)
5. NEW power, an altogether new creation (2 Cor. 5:17)

VIII. LIFTING OF THE WHITE FLAG OF PEACE IN THE SOUL.

1. This is a peace of God that cannot be destroyed.
2. A peace that cannot be seriously disturbed (Rom. 5:1-2; 10:13-15).

IX. IN THE NINTH PLACE, NOTICE THE HOLY GHOST TAKING OVER – As in Act 2:1-4 and Num. 11:25). Notice the Spirit of God does not come to merely take sides but to take over! He takes over as your —

1. Guide
2. Guest
3. Guard
4. Teacher
5. Sanctifier

Conclusion:

Notice that Christ is our Sanctification, and the Holy Spirit is our Sanctifier. 1 Cor. 1:30-31; Rom. 15:16; 1 Thes. 4:3-8. Sanctified, preserved and called — that is the story of God's people as He brings them in – Jude vs. 1. Amen and Amen.

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