

It's Yours to Lose and Recover

Introduction

The definition of a calling: An irrevocable act of God whereby He establishes a special relationship with responsibilities, privileges, and promises that provide hope for the future.

1. The callings of God are:
 - Sons of our fathers
 - Sons of God
 - Husbands/Wives
 - Fathers/Mothers
 - Grandfather/Grandmothers
 - Glory!
2. Faithfulness in each calling prepares you to receive the blessings in future callings.

3. Although the callings of God are irrevocable, ...

They are yours to lose

1. Esau's example: Heb. 12:14-17

2. The birthright was his to lose.

3. There are two reasons given why people fall short of grace or to put it another way, two ways people lose their privileges and hope from their callings.

4. Men, it was yours to lose.

They are yours to recover

1. Notice in the passage in Heb. 12:17 that Esau desperately wanted the blessing, but didn't recover it. He could have, I believe had he found a place to repent.

2. We're told that Esau could find no place for repentance.

3. Because of our callings as sons of God, one of the privileges and promises that provide great hope for our future is that of forgiveness and repentance.
 - A. Jesus is called our Redeemer. He takes what has been defiled and squandered and redeems it.

B. As sons of God, we have the blessing of forgiveness if we will take up the responsibility of finding places of repentance. 1 John 1:9

4. How shall we find those places of repentance?

It's yours to lose and it's yours to recover.

1. Why should you do this? Because it is a responsibility of your calling.
2. There is also a promise implied in this verse. If we pursue peace with all men and holiness in our calling with God and others, we won't come short of the grace of God.
3. If we don't do this, there is no way we can rise to the callings of God in our life.