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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 98

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His calling love**. **1 Pt. 2:9** ***“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him Who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”***

The Greek word for *called* is *kalesantos* which means to be invited, summoned, called by name. The picture here is this: Yes, God has paid the sin debt for anyone who will believe. Yes, He is patient and is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Therefore, God is calling every person by name. He has chosen that all people should be called into His wonderful light. There has been much controversy about this thought with the rise of Calvinistic theory. Let me be clear about this. I look directly to scripture to hear the truth about God. It is not from the theorizing of someone else, but straight from the word of God that I turn to. Jesus did **not** come to die on the cross for a select few. His blood was not sufficient for a small number to be saved. If so, then scripture would be conflicted. It is not. God has called everyone to repentance. **1 John 2:2** ***“He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”*** And again in **2 Pt. 3:9** ***“The LORD is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”*** God is calling everyone to Himself. Why? Because God loves every single person that He has created. That’s the kind of love God has and is.

And now, He is standing and beckoning everyone by name. Our scripture calls you a special possession. One who is prized by the Father. He loves you. He desires for you to come to Him. First, for salvation, and secondly for communion with Him. He desires you to come. He pleads for you to receive His gift of love; Jesus Christ our redemption. Have you come to Him and accepted what He has done for you? If so, thank Him for His *calling love*.

Dear Father, thank You that You called us to Yourself. You love us so much that you call out to us in so many ways. And, You will never stop calling us until the day that time ends. Thank You for this kind of love. In Jesus Name, Amen