

I the Lord Have Called Thee in Righteousness

by John Calvin

Christ's calling of the Gentiles brings salvation and illumination to all who open their eyes to faith.

Scripture: Isaiah 42:6, John 8:12, Acts 13:47, Ephesians 5:8

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Description

John Calvin preaches about the calling of the Gentiles through Christ, who is appointed as a light to illuminate those in darkness. The blame for not partaking in this salvation rests on individuals, as Christ is given to all without exception for their enlightenment. By opening our hearts to Christ, He will dispel darkness and bring truth to our minds.

Transcript

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; --Isaiah 42:6

"For a light of the Gentiles." We have here another clear proof of the calling of the Gentiles, since he expressly states that Christ was appointed to be "a light" to them. He calls him a light, because the Gentiles were plunged in the deepest and thickest of darkness, at the time when the Lord illuminated none but the Jews.

Now, then, the blame lies solely with ourselves, if we do not become partakers of this salvation; for he calls all men to himself, without a single exception, and gives Christ to all, that we may be illuminated by him. Let us only open our eyes, he alone will dispel the darkness, and illuminate our minds by the "light" of truth. --Commentaries

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