THREE CALLS FROM CHRIST

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Let's discuss **"three calls"** from Christ about which we read in the Scriptures:

The Savior's Call. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." {Matthew 11 :28}

Our Savior gives all men the same opportunity to remove the burden of guilt and condemnation caused by our sins. "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." {Romans 8:1} Christ understands the weight of this load and offers to remove it, if we are willing to meet His terms.

The Master's Call. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." {Matthew 11:29}

Christ asks men to "learn from Him." He can teach us how to avoid sin and how to stop sin from controlling us. He also gives us valuable information about our adversary, the Devil. The Master can lead us in the paths that will one day bring us to eternal glory. Yet, this is only possible if we learn His ways and make them our own ways.

The Shepherd's Call. "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." (John 10:4,5)

Christ is the Good Shepherd, the Great Shepherd, who laid down His life for the sheep. Christians must remember they are part of His fold and follow only His voice. Jesus is God's spokesperson. "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds." {Hebrews 1:1,2}

He gives us only good and profitable instructions. Why? He loves us and desires to keep us from harm. We are protected long as we listen to His voice and follow His instructions, making it impossible for the devil to steal us away. (John 10:27,28) ***