



# Bird's Eye View

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**Chapter 2:** The Picture of our Finish Line Determines How we Run

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**Key Truth:** Our Heavenly Calling.

**Key Scripture:** *Hebrews 3:1 Romans 8:28-31, Ephesians 1:18, Philippians 3:14*

So often we hear coming forth from pulpits and online messages all around the globe, the absolute need to discover our calling and how God has an individual calling for every follower of His, and no matter what you are faced with, trust in Him and He will bring it to pass.

Does any of this sound familiar to us?

The question I have is, "How many of us have found this individual calling?" and "How does it fit into the Heavenly calling God has for His church?". Yes, there is a calling for His church, but His calling for His church is just that. A calling for His church. His church is His body and His body or His church, is made up of a whole lot of individuals, who lose their individual lives and start living for a body who is dedicated and focused on becoming one and living for a calling which is one, His one.

Yes, there are works for us to do that have been predestined for us, and this can be as an individual and as a church, but they are just that - works. This is not our calling, they are our works to be accomplished by and through the power of the Spirit.

The church today seriously needs to be apprehended from this individual reality and come into its Heavenly calling as one body, otherwise we will be missing out on the reason we are given life. This is no small matter. Paul said it was as serious as man being separated from God for eternity.

The Heavenly calling for the church isn't one we receive in Heaven. It is one we receive now, while we are on earth and start living from it while we are on earth. Paul was constantly praying for the eyes of the church to be opened, through the hearing of the Word, which He and others were declaring, because He was completely aware of what God's calling for God's church, Gods people.

***Ephesians 1:18-20 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.***

I implore you to take the time and marinate yourself in this scripture above and also the scriptures attached to this resource. There are many more that say the same thing, but Paul makes it explicitly clear in his letters that we are to know and come into His calling, His Heavenly calling for His church.

Look at the first line. Paul prays the eyes of our heart, the place of knowing, understanding, wisdom, may be enlightened, coming into the knowledge of, so we can KNOW, what the HOPE of HIS CALLING IS.

It doesn't get any clearer than this for us and I hope you will do whatever it takes to seek the Father and receive your God given Heavenly calling as the church. Remember you are not the church. The church is a group of individuals who are being made one as the Father and Jesus are one.

**Questions:**

1. Knowing God's calling is for His church and not for you as an individual means what now?



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2. How much of His calling have you received through the Spirit engraving it upon your heart?
3. How do you think receiving this revelation transforms us on the inside?

**Action point:** What are you being made aware of through this resource and is there one thing you need to put in place after going through this resource?