

THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD: A DEEPER APPRECIATION OF THE GOOD WORK OF GOD IN OUR LIFE

1. God's Work in our life

a) Salvation

- i) Conviction of our sins
- ii) Conversion of our souls

b) Sanctification

- i) He makes us holy
- ii) He wants us to be conformed to the image of Christ
- iii) He enables us to live and serve meaningfully as His holy servants

2. God's work through the ministry of the Holy Spirit

Romans 8

- a) He makes us free from the law of sin and death Romans 8:2
- b) He enables us to be spiritually minded Romans 8:5
- c) He gives us life Romans 8:11
 - i) Eternal life
 - ii) Mortal life
- d) He enables us to put to death evil deeds of the body Romans 8:13
- e) He leads us as the children of God Romans 8:14
- f) He teaches us how to relate to God the Father Romans 8:15
- g) He bears witness that we are indeed the children of God Romans 8:16
- h) He enables us to even suffer for the sake of the Lord Romans 8:17
- i) He enables us to bear fruit in our life Romans 8:23
- j) He helps us in our weaknesses Romans 8:26
- k) He enables us to be more than conquerors Romans 8:37
- l) He assures us that nothing will separate us from the love of God Romans 8:38-39

3. A challenge to examine the good work that God is doing in our life

- a) There ought to be changes
- b) There ought to be a new creation 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - i) Old and bad things ought to pass away
 - ii) All things are made new
- c) There must be confidence what God has begun to do, He will complete it
 - a) Commencement
 - b) Continuation
 - c) Culmination

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6