

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

On October 19, 2012, we received the following comment and inquiry:

“I had the personal experience of being called by God's Spirit (known as anointing event). These days while reading your site I realize you make the point that everyone is God's son. I agree with it, indeed, I hope and pray our celestial Father calls others/everyone as well. My question is: Do you encourage people to partake in the Memorial even before God's calling? I say that because we are aware the fact that God calls his sons.”

To the author, thank you for your email. We are so pleased that you recognize and accept the calling of you. (2 *Peter 1:10*) And your prayer has already been answered regarding the Father's generosity!

The Father calls us through his Son and the poured out Spirit of Truth. That was done centuries ago. He stands at the door ready for us to open. The only reason our brothers do not know they are sons is because they have not opened the door. They have not taken that leap of faith of believing that the gift of sonship has been offered to them. You might want to read the article we published, “**Am I a Son?**” – *Conquering Doubt*, for further discussion of that matter. Notice also Jesus' words:

“Look! I am standing at the door and knocking. **If anyone hears my voice and opens the door**, I will come into his [house] and take the evening meal with him and he with me.” – *Revelation 3:20*

If Jehovah's Witnesses were preaching the **true** good news when they called at a person's door, that visit would constitute an extension of the Father's calling to that person. Then, the question of “Have I been called?” would be a non-issue. Brother, there is no hope of survival outside of the Father's calling. (See **Who Are Led by Spirit?**) Those that do not accept the heavenly calling are sure to die because the flesh is mortal:

“So, then, brothers, we are under obligation, not to the flesh to live in accord with the flesh; for **if you live in accord with the flesh you are sure to die**; but if you put the practices of the body to death by the spirit, you will live.” – *Romans 8:12-13*

It is truly sad that the Society actually teaches Jehovah's Witnesses not to accept the calling. Perhaps you know of brothers who believed they had the witness of the spirit but were talked out of it by men. Those men carry a heavy burden for shutting up the Kingdom of Heaven; and those brothers who followed men instead of the spirit must turn back to the spirit if they are to be saved. We are doing our part to let all men know that the door is wide open for all who desire it. The Father's call is open and welcoming. It is up to us to take life's waters free. (*Revelation 22:17*)

We hope that answers your question.

“*Elaia Luchnia*”