



**HEBREW/GREEK  
DEFINITIONS**



- 1 **CALLED (G2822) "Kletos"** - invited, i.e. appointed Ro. 8:28
- 2 **COME (H935) "bow"** - to go or come (in a wide variety of uses), to abide, etc. [39 total] (G2064) **"erchomai"** - to come or go, accompany, appear [20 total]
- 3 **HEAVEN (H8064) "shameh"** - to be lofty, the sky as aloft; the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve
- 4 **WINDOWS (H699) "arubbath"** - lattice. Used 8 times.

"THE CALLED"

In the NIV translation, the literal translation of the word "the" has been left out of Romans 8:28. The definite article "the" refers to a specific group. All of Scripture supports that the calling of the gospel goes out to all, but only "the called" will hear it and respond. How beautiful that the Bible cannot contradict itself!

**TEXT OF THE WEEK**

*"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are **the called** according to his purpose."  
- Romans 8:2*

# THE INVITATION TO COME

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A BIBLICAL STUDY of Genesis 7:1-8:19

*"Come Thou and All Thine House... for Thee I Have Seen Righteous"*

*Consider an invitation from friends or family to a function. The receiver of the invitation is given an option to come or not. Those who feel they should have been given an invitation and did not receive one can feel slighted or angered for being left out. In today's study, we are going to learn about the unique nature of the invitation given by God.*

1. What did the Lord say to Noah after he did all that the Lord had commanded him? 7:1
  - To what does this spiritually compare? Isaiah 26:1-3, 20-21; Matt. 11:28-30
2. When is a similar invitation going to be given? Luke 14:16-17; Rev. 21:1-10; 22:17
  - Who are those "called" to come? Ro. 8:28-30
3. Review the time of preparation before the judgment of the flood (Gen. 5:32; 7:6; 7:4,10). How does this spiritually compare to the preparation before the 2nd judgment? Luke 14:18-20, 23-24; I Peter 3:20-22
  - Why is the world not concerned about the second judgment either? (Gen. 8:21; Matt. 24:36-39; Rom. 3:9-18; Prov. 9:10)
4. Read Genesis 7:11 and consider the massive amount of force of water that came forth. What exactly are the "windows of heaven"? What two things do the windows represent?
  - Isaiah 24:18-20
  - Malachi 3:10
5. After He called all those He intended to save, the "Lord shut him in" (Gen. 7:16). Discuss the significance that the Lord shut the door and not Noah.
  - When will there be another "shutting of the door"? Luke 13:23-27
5. On that last day, what will the righteous spiritual generation be entering?
  - Is there an option to decline God's calling? Ez. 36:24-32; Jn. 6:37, 44-45
  - Who are those who take offense that only some will hear and some will understand? John 6:60-61; Ro. 9:21 Why?
6. Do those who do not hear or understand the call have an excuse? Ro. 1:20; 9:18
7. Noah gave an offering of thanks after he was brought through the judgment of water. (Gen. 8:20-21). So also "the called" should be most grateful to pass through the judgment of fire at the end of time. Read/discuss the following support texts: Ro. 6:17; II Cor. 9:15; II Thes. 2:13-14