

## GOD IS CALLING, BUT THE LINE IS BUSY

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God has a desire for all men to be saved, and He calls men to Him by the Gospel of Jesus Christ: "*Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (2 Thessalonians 2:14). God only speaks to men today through the Holy Scriptures, but what if God were "calling us" via the telephone? When God calls us today:

**Are our lines busy?** (Are we too busy for God?)

**Do we misuse Call Waiting?** (Do we make God wait on hold while we are doing other things?)

**Do we often see "GOSPEL\_CALL" on the Caller ID, yet refuse to answer the call?** (Do we sit idly through Gospel sermons when we know we need to answer the Gospel call?)

**Have we "stopped our ears," or turned the ringer off?** (Do we no longer pay attention to sermons or Bible classes? Have we removed any possibility of hearing the Gospel call by refusing to attend worship services and study our Bibles?)

**Are we too busy talking to let God get a word in?** (Are we more concerned about what we have to say to God in our prayers than what God has to say to us through His Word?)

**What if there were static on the line? Would we be willing to move to a better spot?** (Are there areas of our lives that are separating us from God? Are we willing to leave those areas behind to be closer to God?)

**Would we dare hang up on God?** (Knowing God's supreme authority and power, would we deliberately choose to defy Him and serve the enemy? Knowing God's abounding love for us, would we callously "hang up" on Him and reject the ultimate loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ?)

What about when we call on God through prayer? What if His line were always busy? What if He would not take our calls, or what if He hung up on us? Of course God would never do those things to us because He loves us, and we should never do such things to Him!

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