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## Upcoming Events

Youth Meeting (Saturday, March 8th, 6:45 PM)  
Bible Quiz: Adults (II Chronicles 1-12), Kids (Mathew 22-28)

Picnic at Sandy Lake Park, Saturday, March 22nd.

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## Weekly Schedule

Tues, Mar 4th (Irving) Wilson & Anitha's residence (7 PM)

Fri, Mar 7th (Fasting Prayer) Parsonage (10 AM)

Fri, Mar 7th (Mesquite) Johnson & Leesa's residence (7 PM)

Sat, Mar 8th (Metro) Youth Meeting (6:45 PM)

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# Metro Church of God

March 2, 2008



For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me. Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth. (Ps 31:3,5)

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# Welcome

"Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure..." (2 Peter 1: 10)

Greetings to all of you as we celebrate once again on the day of the Lord his life and work in our lives.

Apostle Peter hailed as the one of the strong pillars of the early church reminds us that we need to remind ourselves of our calling and election on a daily basis in order to survive the onslaught of the pressure that we face from the world. In verse 3 he lays the basis for this since the divine power of God has granted us in Christ Jesus all that we need pertaining to life and godliness. The incentive for us to make our calling and election sure rests in the fact that we have been called by Him to his own glory and excellence. It is further strengthened by the various promises that he has graciously granted to us.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer the famous theologian who spoke against the Nazis and was hanged for his beliefs in 1945 says that 'when Christ calls a man he bids him come and die.' He equates the grace that comes from this call as costly grace differentiating it from cheap grace because it cost God the life of his Son. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. It is also costly because it compels a man to submit to the yoke of Christ and follow him.

It has been remarked by someone that there are two kinds of people in the church, those whom the Lord has called and they who have called upon the Lord. The life of the former is qualitatively different from that of the latter. They have responded to the effectual call of the gospel apart from the general call that came when the gospel was preached to them and all others. The former have responded to the call in Jesus Christ whereas the latter think that they have made a decision for the Lord. The commitment of both will be different and they could be equated to the builders that Jesus portrays in Matthew 7.

May the Lord help us to diligently seek the outcome of our calling and election and lead a life that will justify our heavenly call in Jesus Christ.

In Christ Alone,

Pastor Satish Kumar

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# Sermon Notes

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## Words of Wisdom

"...we never realize that all the time God is at work in our everyday events and in the people around us. If we will only obey, and do the task that He has placed closest to us, we will see Him. One of the most amazing revelations of God comes to us when we learn that it is in the everyday things of life that we realize the magnificent deity of Jesus Christ. " *Oswald Chambers*