

**For His Own Glory, God Saves Wretched Sinners**  
**Matthew 9:9-17**

- 1) God calls even the dregs of society to salvation
  - a) Roman taxes were burdensome for Jews
  - b) Worst of the worst can be saved by Christ
- 2) Followers of Christ drop everything to pursue Him
  - a) Given new names (Levi to Matthew; Simon to Peter)
  - b) Like "Matthew", Christians are God's gifts to the world
- 3) God's people must call others to "Follow me!"
- 4) Christians are meant to mingle with unbelievers
  - a) That they may hear the message of love and truth
  - b) Beware of how judged sinners feel in our presence
  - c) Go out to the unsaved
  - d) Beware of being unequally yoked (2 Cor 6:14ff.)
  - e) Neither isolate yourself from the needy world nor assimilate into it
- 5) Like Christ who was constantly questioned, believers will be scorned
- 6) Every human from conception is spiritually sick, in need of salvation
  - a) Jesus is the great Physician; He heals
  - b) Most will never acknowledge that they are sick
  - c) Legalistic faith is inferior to mercy and compassion (Hos. 6:6)
- 7) Observations/Applications
  - a) They that welcome Christ must welcome all who are His
  - b) Those brought to Christ naturally want others to share in their joy
  - c) It is not enough to be acquainted with Scripture; we must learn to understand it
  - d) In light of Christ's coming, let us rejoice!