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- a. ... Matthew 9:9-13
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IV. The Church is Called into ...

- a. ... Acts 2:47; 2 Peter 2:9
b. with God ... 1 John 1:6-7
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Truth for Life

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- In Christ, what have we been promised?
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Based on the verses above, what benefits do we receive as a result of Jesus' sacrifice and our commitment to follow Him?
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