

~QUALIFIED (100)

[English, fit, capable, competent, skilled, trained, practiced, experienced, leigible, authorized, licensed, Opposite of, **uncertified]**

- To those who rejected Paul's preaching of the Good News of God's Kingdom, he was an odor issuing from death to death, like the slaughtered animals who never came inside of the tent, but whose lifeblood, where the spirit dwells within, was scattered there at the base of the altar.
- But to the former ones who accepted Christ's work as High Priest, Paul became a sweet smelling odor issuing from life to life. For Christians gain everlasting life through this very sacrifice of preaching to others, and then they in turn must take up this work and help others. Thus an odor issuing from life to life.
- To the latter ones an odor issuing from death to death, to the former ones an odor issuing from life to life. And who is adequately **qualified** for these things? (**2 Corinthians 2:16**)
- Now we as Christians, are not adequately **qualified** to make such precious and grand promises, as stemming out of ourselves. But our being adequately **qualified** stems from God, who puts his spirit into our hearts, and makes us understand the glory of the precious sacred secrets, that God holds ready for all those conquering.
- Not that we of ourselves are adequately **qualified** to reckon anything as issuing from ourselves, but our being adequately qualified issues from God. (**2 Corinthians 3:5**)
- Therefore Christians are ministers of a New Covenant, and our being **qualified** to preach this message, issues from God through his spirit of holiness, and therefore we are not ordained to be ministers, except by God.
- This New Covenant is not a written code like the Law Covenant was, but it is founded upon all the same divine principles as the Law Covenant. However they were very specific and rigid, whereas the New Covenant is more flexible, though firmer for righteousness, by not condemning to death for failure to comply, as was done under the Law Covenant of Moses, but allowing repentance and forgiveness, and a return to favor where true repentance is realized.

- This code is addressed not to our actions, after the fact, like the Law Covenant of Moses, but addresses the heart, so that we are compelled to obey, and not break its divine principles in the first place, for the heart is the seat of our motivation. We as Christians can actually live up to the divine principles of the Law Covenant through our love of the spirit of God, and so we will be the ones to fulfill it.
- The Law Covenant condemned to death for every offense, but the spirit properly motivates us to work hard to comply through love of it, and a sincere desire to be like God, who is spiritual. If we fail to comply, we will not be killed immediately as under the Law Covenant, but we will be given opportunity to repent and turn around and grow through such a process. The Law Covenant condemned to death, but the spirit makes alive. Would not anyone prefer to live under the New Covenant, than under the Law Covenant, for it is better, superior.
- Who has indeed adequately **qualified** us to be ministers of a New Covenant, not of a written code, but of spirit, for the written code condemns to death, but the spirit makes alive. (2 Corinthians 3:6)
- Paul now shows what kind of a man the overseer must be, within the true anointed congregation of God. Such a man should be irreprehensible, meaning blameless, flawless or faultless, complete or perfect.
- He should be a husband of one wife, if he is married, and should have moderate personal habits. He should have a sound mind, and be orderly.
- Since he is one taking the lead in bringing together new ones, and the entire congregation for study and teaching, he must be hospitable to others, and also be **qualified** to teach the truth, like a skilled workman, handling the word of truth aright.
- The overseer should therefore be irreprehensible, a husband of one wife, moderate in habits, sound in mind, orderly, hospitable, **qualified** to teach. (1 Timothy 3:2)
- Paul then tells Timothy, to keep committing to faithful men, all the things that he has heard from Paul, with the support of many witnesses. Then these men will be adequately **qualified** to teach yet others, in the future.

- And the things you heard from me with the support of many witnesses, these things commit to faithful men, who, in turn, will be adequately **qualified** to teach others. (**2 Timothy 2:2**)
- Paul then shows, that a slave of the Lord does not need to fight. Rather he needs to become gentle towards all. He needs to be well **qualified** to teach, so as to be able to set things straight through reasonable explanation and proofs from the Bible. He also needs to keep his temper restrained when he is under evil, for there are many, who will try their best to make him lose his temper, and make him look bad before others.
- But a slave of the Lord does not need to fight, but needs to be gentle toward all, **qualified** to teach, keeping himself restrained under evil. (**2 Timothy 2:24**)