

Paul's Letter to the
Romans



THE CERTAINTY AND SECURITY OF SALVATION

THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF ROMANS 8:29-30

- 1) God Foreknew you (v. 29)
- 2) God Predestined you (v. 29)
- 3) God Called you (v. 30)
- 4) God Justified you (v. 30)
- 5) God Glorified you (v. 30)



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“THOSE HE FOREKNEW”



- a) Used 6x in the NT.
- b) 2 of the 6 refer to knowing something about someone beforehand (Acts 26:9; 2 Peter 3:17).
- c) It refers to an intellectual knowledge, informational knowledge.
- d) You know something *about* someone else.
- e) 4 of the 6 go FAR deeper than that.

“THOSE HE FOREKNEW”

- Romans 11:2 “God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew.”
- It is more than just God knowing *about* you.
- Paul’s meaning here has it’s roots in the OT.



“THOSE HE FOREKNEW”



- Gen. 18:19 “For I have known him”. [yada translated in LXX as ginosko]
- Ex. 33:17 “The LORD said to Moses, “I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name.”
- Jer. 1:5 ““Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the

“THOSE HE FOREKNEW”



- God didn't just know the facts ABOUT you in eternity past, God knew YOU in eternity past.
- *The word here refers to God's covenant love, in which He sets His affection on those whom He has chosen.
- 2 Tim. 2:19 "Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His."
- John 10:14 "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me"

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“HE ALSO PREDESTINED”



- Almost a synonym with “Foreknew”.
- Foreknowledge stresses God’s covenantal love.—Predestined emphasizes the preordained plan of God to make it happen.
- **προορίζω**: Lit. “To mark out, appoint, or determine beforehand.”

“HE ALSO PREDESTINED”

1 Cor. 2:7 “but we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory;”

Eph 1:4-5 “Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love, He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,”



PREDESTINED



“The Lord has predetermined the destiny of every person who will believe in Him. Just as Jesus was crucified ‘the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God’ (Acts 2:23), so God also has predestined every believer to salvation through the means of that atoning sacrifice.” MacArthur NT Commentary; Romans.

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ACTS 2:22-23



“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

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FOR THE GLORY OF CHRIST

Phil. 2:9-11 "For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."



Col. 1:18-22 "He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—"

Rev. 4:10-11 "the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.""

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WE WILL BE LIKE HIM

1 John 3:2 “Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.”

“That ungodly sinners should one day be transformed into the image of Christ by a miracle of grace is one of the most astounding truths of divine revelation. The point is not, of course, that we will ever have the attributes of deity, or even that we will have Christs facial resemblance, but that we will be morally like Him, absolutely free from sin, and will have glorified bodies like His.” William MacDonald.



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OH, WHAT LOVE!



1 John 3:1 “See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called the children of God; and such we are.”