

Paul's Letter to the
Romans



THE CERTAINTY AND SECURITY OF SALVATION

THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF ROMANS 8:29-30

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- 3) God Called you (v. 30)
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- 5) God Glorified you (v. 30)



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“THOSE HE FOREKNEW”



- Used 6x in the NT.
- 2 of the 6 refer to knowing something about someone beforehand (Acts 26:9; 2 Peter 3:17).
- It refers to an intellectual knowledge, informational knowledge.
- You know something *about* someone else.
- 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,”

Acts 2:23 “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.”

Acts 4:27:28 “For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.”



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- Irresistible summons into the presence of Almighty God.

2 TYPES OF “CALLS” IN SCRIPTURE

- 1) General (External)
- 2) Effectual (Internal)



THE GENERAL CALL

Is 55:1-3 ““Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost. “Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance. “Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David.”

Matt. 11:28 ““Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”



IT IS REAL AND IT IS SINCERE

Ezek. 18:23 ““Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked,” declares the Lord GOD, “rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?”

Ps 81:13 ““Oh that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!”

Isaiah 65:2 (Romans 10:21) ““I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in the way which is not good, following their own thoughts.”



GENERAL CALL

- Sinful man cannot and WILL NOT and does not WANT to respond to this call.
- John 3:19 “This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.”



GENERAL CALL IS REJECTED



- Jer. 7:13 “And now, because you have done all these things,” declares the LORD, “and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you but you did not answer”
- Prov. 1:24 ““Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention;”
- Isaiah 66:4 “So I will choose their punishments And will bring on them what they dread. Because I called, but no one answered; I spoke, but they did not listen. And they did evil in My sight And chose that in which I did not delight.”

EFFECTUAL CALL

(INTERNAL)



- It is the irresistible summons upon the heart of God's eternally beloved to come to Him.
- John 6:44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."

EFFECTUAL CALL

(INTERNAL)



- It is the spiritual equivalent of Christ standing before the tomb of Lazarus and saying “Lazarus, come forth!”
- He who was once dead is brought to life. Not by any work of their own but by the sovereign call of God upon their soul to awaken to new life.

Matthew 22:14 “....for many are called but few are chosen.”

GOD CALLED YOU!

- ❖ Heb. 5:4 “And no one takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.”
- ❖ 1 Thess. 2:12 “So that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.”
- ❖ 1 Peter 5:10-11 “After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
- ❖ 1 Cor. 1:9 “God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”
- ❖ 2 Thess 2:13-14 “But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”



YOU WERE CALLED

- “...It is a summons that overcomes human resistance and effectually persuades them to say yes to God. This definition of ‘calling’ is evident from Rom. 8:30, for there Paul says that “those whom He called, He also justified.’ The text does not say that ‘some’ of those called were justified. It fuses the called and justified together so that ALL those who are called receive the blessing of justification. If all those who are called are also justified, then calling must be effectual and must create faith, for ‘all’ those who are called are justified, and justification cannot occur without faith (3:21-22, 28; 5:1).”
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- “...The foundational reason why all things work for believers good begins to emerge; God’s unstoppable purpose in calling believers to salvation cannot be frustrated, and thus He employs all things to bring about the plan He had from the beginning in the lives of believers.” IBID



YOUR SALVATION IS SECURE!

“For a believer to lose his salvation would be for God to fail in His divine purpose and to condemn to hell those whom he had sovereignly elected to redemption. It would be for God (who cannot lie) to break His covenant with Himself, made before the foundation of the earth. It would mean that the divine seal of the Holy Spirit, imprinted by the King of kings and Lord of lords upon each of His elect children, would be subject to violation and abrogation (see 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13; 4:30).” MacArthur NT Commentary: Romans.



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