

# Soteriology: Studies Concerning Salvation

## Lesson 5. The Preparation for Salvation

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“Salvation is of the Lord”

 Romans 8:29-30

*“Whom He foreknew, ⇒ He also predestinated;  
and whom He predestinated, ⇒ these He also called;  
and whom He called, ⇒ these he also justified;  
and whom He justified, ⇒ these He also glorified.”*

### Foreknowledge

- What does Romans 8:29 say is foreknown by God? (He foreknows persons.)  
(Note: Nowhere in the Bible are we told that God foreknows the faith of individuals.)
  - The persons who end up glorified (all believers in Jesus Christ) are first foreknown and predestined by God.  
Note that all those who are foreknown are also glorified.
- ❖ The verb occurs 5 times in the New Testament  
Classical usage – Acts 26:5; 2 Peter 3:17  
Special usage – Persons are foreknown. Romans 8:29; Romans 11:2; 1 Peter 1:20
- ❖ The noun occurs 2 times in the New Testament:  
Acts 2:23 “this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to the cross.”  
Note: The construction in the Greek text indicates that “the predetermined plan” and “foreknowledge” are closely linked. In this passage foreknowledge is listed after God’s predetermined plan!

#### I Peter 1:1-2 “Who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,”

- What phrase identifies the believers addressed in :1?  
(Hint: This word is sometimes translated “the elect.”)
- How does :2 describe the relationship of these chosen believers to the trinity?  
Father  
Holy Spirit  
Jesus Christ

➤ **Foreknowledge is used in Scripture to indicate that with regard to salvation, God had a predetermined plan for those whom He would predestine to be called, justified, and glorified.**

# Predestination

## Romans 8:29-30

***“Whom He foreknew, ⇒ He also predestinated;  
and whom He predestinated, ⇒ these He also called;***

### I. Word usage

The Greek word occurs six times in the New Testament.

Acts 4:28; Romans 8:29, 30; I Corinthians 2:7; Ephesians 1:5, 11

### II. Definition

- A. Definition from Arndt and Gingrich Greek Lexicon...  
“to decide beforehand;” “to predestine someone”
- B. “Predestination is more of persons than their actions, and not merely of persons as such but their destiny.” (Lewis Sperry Chafer, Systematic Theology, Vol. 7, p. 255)
- C. “Predestination is the sovereign act of God whereby He determined beforehand what He would do with those whom He elected to salvation.” (Floyd H. Barackman, Practical Christian Theology, p. 248)

### III. Scripture

-  Ephesians 1:5 “***He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself.***”
-  Ephesians 1:11 “***Also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose.***”
-  Romans 8:29 “***For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son.***”

### IV. Predestination follows foreknowledge and precedes election and calling.

<u>Romans 8:29</u>	“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined”
<u>Romans 8:30</u>	“And whom He predestined, these He also called”
<u>Ephesians 1:4, 5</u>	“He chose us in Him... having predestined us”

- **Predestination has to do with the destiny of believers; a destiny that was marked out in eternity past.**

## Called by God

 **Romans 8:29-30**

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and whom He predestinated,  
and whom He called,*      ⇒ *He also predestinated;  
⇒ these He also called;  
⇒ these he also justified;*

- The act of God whereby a sinner is effectively called to salvation. This call is extended only to certain individuals, all of whom will believe.

## I. The fact of His calling.

- A. Believers are identified as the called. (cf. "chosen")
  - BOOK I Corinthians 1:23, 24 *"but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block, and to gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ the power and wisdom of God."*
  - BOOK Romans 8:28 *"to those who are called according to His purpose"*
  - BOOK Jude 1 *"to those who are called"*
- B. We are called by His grace (Galatians 1:6, 15)
  - BOOK II Timothy 1:9 *"who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity."*

## II. The benefits of His calling.

- A. called to eternal life (I Timothy 6:12; I Peter 5:10)
- B. called out of darkness into His marvelous light (I Peter 2:9)
- C. called into fellowship with His Son (I Corinthians 1:9)
- D. called into His kingdom and glory (I Thessalonians 2:12)
- E. called to peace (Colossians 3:15)
- F. called to freedom (Galatians 5:13)
- G. called that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Thessalonians 2:14)
- H. called to be glorified (Romans 8:30; 9:23, 24)

### **III. The certainty of His calling.**

 Romans 8:29, 30; Also II Peter 1:3, 4

#### **IV. My response to His calling (Motivation for daily Christian living)**

- (book icon) Ephesians 4:1 “*Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.*”
- (book icon) I Thessalonians 4:7 “*for God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.*”
- (book icon) I Peter 1:15 “*Like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior.*”
- (book icon) Philippians 3:14 “*I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*”