

**NORTHEAST HOUSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Sermon: All Things for our Good and Predestination, Part 8**  
**Topic: He Glorified Them**  
**Scripture Text: Romans 8:29–30**  
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**Romans 8:29–30 (NKJV) 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.**

**Glorify**

a : to make [glorious](#) by bestowing (Giving) honor, praise, or admiration. b : to elevate to celestial [glory](#)

Greek Definition: to praise, extol, magnify, celebrate. 3 to honour, do honour to, hold in honour. 4 to make glorious, adorn with lustre, clothe with splendour. 4a to impart glory to something, render it excellent. 1

*John 17:22–23 (NKJV) 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

Notice in John 17:22, the disciples are glorified by Christ while they are living, even before Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

Those He justified (made righteous) and those He glorified (bestowed with honor) was done prior to the second coming of Christ.

Predestined, called, justified and glorified are all in the past tense or at least not indicating a future tense. The point to me is that these events are not waiting on some future time such as taking off mortality and putting on immortality (*1 Corinthians 15:53,54*) or being changed in a twinkling of an eye (*1 Corinthians 15:52*)

Those that Paul is talking about in this passage of Romans are those that were called to be chosen and honored as the elect. That is their glorification. To be set apart for a special purpose still being required to be saved.

We are glorified when we were chosen to be among the elect. (to be honored, held in honor.

*Colossians 3:12 (NKJV) 12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;*

The following verse tells me that even the elect must obtain salvation in Christ Jesus. It could be said that when they come into Christ they, and all believers, will obtain eternal glory which may be different from the glory spoken of in V30.

*2 Timothy 2:10 (NKJV) 10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.*

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<sup>1</sup> Strong, J. (1995). [Enhanced Strong's Lexicon](#). Woodside Bible Fellowship.

If God predestined them and called them before they were born, I believe He also justified and glorified them at the same time. Still no talk of salvation but all this is based upon God's sovereign purpose. Even being justified and glorified does not make one saved.

God glorified Israel

*Isaiah 55:5 (NKJV) 5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the Lord your God, And the Holy One of Israel; **For He has glorified you.**"*

*Jeremiah 30:19 (NKJV) 19 Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving And the voice of those who make merry; I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; **I will also glorify (honor ESV, NIV) them, and they shall not be small.***

Summary:

I believe I have come to the end of this series. I began by mentioning that the passage from *Romans 8:28 – 30* is considered by some to be one of the most misunderstood passages in the Bible. The series has been challenging to say the least.

In this series we attempted to exegesis this passages trying to get a good understand and removing any confusion surrounding it.

ex·e·ge·sis - critical explanation or interpretation of a text, especially of scripture.

Synonyms - [clarification](#), [construction](#), [elucidation](#), [explanation](#), [explication](#), [exposition](#),

**The Armenians** believe that God knew beforehand which sinners would believe, etc., and on the basis of this knowledge He predestined them unto salvation.

**Calvinists** contend that the passage teaches that God set His heart upon (i.e., foreknew) certain individuals; these He predestined or marked out to be saved.

In other words, is the individual's faith the cause or the result of God's predestination?

I tend to lean more to the Calvinist view.

Without re-preaching the entire series, I will quickly address some of the most popular questions covered in the series.

**Does v28 apply to all things, including evil and to all people?**

Yes, this applies to all things even evil things for God "causes" (NLT) them to work for our good

No. Paul is speaking only to believers who love God and here, specifically to those in the church of Rome

**Has God already determined the unchangeable destiny of everyone through predestination?**

I do not believe so. Every sinner is destined for hell and all have sinned, but God also provides a way of salvation for those who believe in Jesus Christ.

*John 14:6 (NKJV) 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me*

**Who are the called?**

God called some to be predestined because God is sovereign in His will and His purpose.

I believe they are those that God has predestined for a special purpose like being a witness for Him to others to bring them to salvation.

All that were of the called, did not answer the call (*Matthew 22:1–14*). Even the called had to be saved like everyone else.

**Can a person change his/her “predestination”?**

Yes, a person can reject the light give to them for salvation or a person can respond to the light.

**Were those that God Justified the same as being saved?**

No, Justification means to be pronounced righteous not saved.

**Are those that God glorified automatically saved?**

In this sense those that were glorified were glorified to a special place of honor as the elect. These still had to be saved through Christ.

I hope that we all have a better understanding of this most precious passage and are able to apply it correctly.

There are more questions and topics discussed in the series and I hope to post the series to the website soon for your review and reference.

I praise God and the Holy Spirit for encouraging and helping me through this series by giving me more knowledge, perhaps not perfect knowledge, and giving me greater understanding, perhaps not perfect understanding and trusting them to help me apply them all in a way of wisdom

Message Scriptures: **Romans 8:29–30**, *John 17:22–23*, *1 Corinthians 15:53,54*, *1 Corinthians 15:52*, *Colossians 3:12*, *2 Timothy 2:10*, *Isaiah 55:5*, *Jeremiah 30:19*, *John 14:6*, *Matthew 22:1–14*

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