

**NORTHEAST HOUSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**Sermon: All Things for our Good and Predestination, Part 7**  
**Topic: Justification and Salvation**  
**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.**

Determine the sequence

- He Predestined
- He called
- He Justified
- He glorified

**1. whom He predestined, these He also called;**

It seems according to v30, God determined that He would predestine some and in order to prepared them, He Called them. How else would they know that they are to be part of an elect/chosen group?

*Matthew 19:21–22 (NKJV) 21 Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

*2 Timothy 4:9–10 (NKJV) 9 Be diligent to come to me quickly; 10 for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—....*

4:10 Demas. He had been one of Paul’s closest associates along with Luke and Epaphras. He acted like he was one of the called (*Col. 4:14; Philem. 24*)<sup>1</sup> but abandoned the call JM and returned to Thessalonica still loving the world.

Being predestined and even being called does not guarantee salvation. Everyone must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

*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.*

The above verse tells me that even the elect must obtain salvation in Christ Jesus

*Acts 16:31 (NKJV) 31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” (Acts 16:31, Romans 10:9)*

**2. whom He called, these He also justified; and**

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<sup>1</sup> MacArthur, J., Jr. (Ed.). (1997). [\*The MacArthur Study Bible\*](#) (electronic ed., p. 1881). Nashville, TN: Word Pub.

Justified - to prove or show to be just, right, or reasonable (MW). 2. declared or **made righteous** in the sight of God.

Greek: to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be.<sup>2</sup>

None of the definitions I looked up nor any of the synonyms equate justification with salvation. I have concluded that justification is not the same as salvation. A person can be justified but not saved through Christ. A person can be saved but still needs to be justified, maybe more than once.

Just so I do not loose what we are talking about.

“Whom God called, these He also justified,” made righteous. Salvation is not mentioned.

The first time “righteous” appears is when the bible is describing Noah.

*Genesis 6:9 (NKJV) 9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, (righteous [ESV, NIV, NLT]) perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.*

Let me continue with references in the NT.

Now not a lot of time to spend here because this refers to OT not NT.

*Romans 4:2–4 (NKJV) 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” 4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.*

Abraham believed God unto righteousness. The same applies to us in the NT.

Being Justified is equal to being made righteous not synonymous with salvation but an integral part of salvation.

*Romans 10:10 (NKJV) 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Take a closer look at one of the most popular and most quoted verse regarding salvation.

*Ephesians 2:8–9 (NKJV) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

“by grace you have been saved through faith”. (through believing). By believing God (justifies us) by imputes (crediting) the righteousness of Christ upon us thereby fitting us for salvation.

Let me see if I can make this logic clear.

Salvation and to be conformed to the image of His Son (v29), is by GRACE through FAITH/BELIEVING in God’s plan for salvation being JUSTIFIED by God unto righteousness.

Now once we are saved grace has done its good work. We do not have to keep getting baptized or keep accepting Jesus as our savior or having to keep getting born again and again. Salvation is basically a one-time event. On the other hand, maintaining our righteousness is an ongoing process.

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<sup>2</sup> Strong, J. (1995). *Enhanced Strong’s Lexicon*. Woodside Bible Fellowship.

Because we are imperfect beings, at the point of salvation we do not become perfect angels. Christians will sin. When we sin, we lose our justification/righteousness, not our salvation, and it must be restored.

*1 John 1: 9 (NKJV) 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Romans 8:34)*

Our unrighteousness is washed away by the blood of Christ and our righteousness/justification is restored. So, whom God predestined He also called and who he called He also justified (made righteous) fit for salvation.

Message Scriptures: **Romans 8:29–30**, *Matthew 19:21–22, 2 Timothy 4:9–10, Col. 4:14; Philem. 24, Acts 16:31, Genesis 6:9, Romans 4:2–4, Romans 10:10, Ephesians 2:8–9, 1 John 1: 9.*

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