

“Inevitable Results of Loving Predestination”

Romans 8:30

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I. The Predestined are Called

- A. There are two types of calls to salvation: the external call and the internal call.
- B. The external call is the general call to believe the gospel.
 - 1. This can't be what Paul has in mind in Rom. 8:30.
 - 2. Not everyone who hears the external call is justified and glorified.
- C. Paul is talking about God's internal call that brings salvation.

John 6:44-45 - No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught of God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

Acts 16:14 - A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

- D. God's internal call produces our repentance and faith.

Acts 11:18 - When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."

Philippians 1:29 - For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake. (See also Eph. 2:8-9)

- E. The internal call flows from God's eternal, loving choice of us for salvation.

John 6:37 - All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

John 10:26-29 - ²⁶ "But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. ²⁷ "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Acts 13:48 - When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

II. The Called are Justified

- A. All those effectually and irresistibly called to faith receive justification.

- B. Justification is God's declaration that a person is counted as eternally innocent and eternally righteous.
 - 1. This declaration of *innocence* is based on Christ's death and resurrection.
 - 2. This declaration of *righteousness* is based on Jesus' own perfect obedience to all of God's commands.
- C. Believers end up justified because God the Father foreloved them, predestined them, (sent Jesus for them), and internally called them to faith.

III. The Justified are Glorified

- A. The presently justified will inevitably be glorified on the last day.
- B. Because of God's previous love, predestination, calling, and justification, Paul can speak of glorification as if it already happened.
 - 1. The Lord's past work for us makes it inevitable.
 - 2. Our ultimate glorification is a done-deal.

Philippians 1:6 - For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.