

WORD OF THE WEEK

The Subject: Predestination

Romans 8:29,30 - ²⁹For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son... ³⁰Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Foreknow -- Greek: proginosko: to know beforehand; to have a prearranged intimate relationship as a man has for his bride.

Predestinate -- Greek: pro'orizo from: pro- before and horizo (horizon); hence predestinate means to predetermine or limit in advance.

Predestination takes all glory from self and gives all glory to God. Predestination is not just to salvation only. It is unto obedience that God has elected (I Peter 1:2) those whom He knew (as His) from the beginning. God has predestined that we, the elect, should be conformed to the image of His son Jesus, who is our example (I Peter 2:21,22). We are to live like He lived. God predetermined the righteousness of a particular people before the world began (II Tim. 1:9). Paul said, "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation (II Thess. 2:13)." He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame - (Eph. 1:4). All that were predestinated were called, justified and glorified. (past-tense verbs) It is already done in the mind of God before the foundation of the world (Heb. 4:3; I Peter 1:20). He will see to it! (Eccl. 3:14,15; Isa. 46:10)

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