

GOD’S AMAZING PROMISE & ULTIMATE PURPOSE FOR YOU
(Romans 8:28-29) pt 2

A. God’s Perspective on PRESENT SUFFERING & FUTURE GLORY (Rom. 8:18-25)

B. GOD’S POWER & Addressing OUR WEAKNESSES in PRAYER. (8:26-27)

C. GOD’S WONDERFUL PROMISE & ULTIMATE PURPOSE For You. (8:28-29)

1. God’s PROMISE to Every Believer. (8:28) – *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

- What “good” is this referring to?

2. God PURPOSE for every believer. (8:29) – *For whom He did foreknow, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. That he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

a. God’s purpose for every believer is...

1) Sovereignly directed for your _____ & ultimately for _____.

2) Graciously intended with a definite _____ / _____ in mind ... “*according to _____ purpose*”

3) _____ with all the facts in hand for every believer, “for whom He foreknew, He also predestinated”

- Some clarification needed on “foreknowledge” and “predestination”

“foreknowledge” (proginosko) =

“predestination” (proorizo) =

A brief history of the confusion:

Quotes by various Calvinists:

Clarification of Predestination (proorizo) = to set a boundary, to mark out, to determine before hand.

- it is never used for salvation (_____) or of God _____ you to be saved!
- it is always used in the context of _____ or _____
- it is always toward _____, never toward the _____.
- God's plan is good, has a definite purpose, and is _____.

* When it comes to God's Plan...

- He calls us via the _____ – but He never _____ us to choose the salvation He graciously provided!

- no man naturally _____ after God

- So God has to _____ them of their need

- or _____ them to Himself through His love, goodness, mercy, & grace

- God provided salvation for _____ through the finished work of _____ on the cross.

- but they must _____ to believe themselves

- God holds them _____ for their choice

- there is ___ value in their choice (faith)

- the value is in the _____ chosen to believe in

- Faith is non-meritorious, volitional, & consistent with _____!

4) ultimately is “to be _____ to the _____ of His _____ {Jesus Christ}.

* What does this imply and mean?

b. God's purpose behind the believer's glorification is “that He {Jesus Christ} might be the _____ {protokos} among many brethren.”

“firstborn” (protokos) =

- What should this emphasize to you and me?