

## “The Assurance of Knowledge”

Text: Romans 8:29-30

Scripture reading: Colossians 1:1-20

**I. From uncertainty to certainty** – vs. 28 (previous study)

**II. From condemned to conformed** – vs. 29

Two theological words:

-foreknowledge (Jn. 1:12-13; Eph. 2:8; Phil. 1:29; Jn. 3:1-8; II Pet. 1:1; Phil. 1:6)

-predestined

-God’s capstone purpose (Col. 1:15, 18)

**III. From heart to heaven** – vs. 30

The golden chain of five links:

#1 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_

#3 \_\_\_\_\_ (Rm. 10:17; 10:10; 10:11)

#4 \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 2:13-14)

#5 \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion**: believer's assurances; believer's challenged

-All things worked *together* for good by God:

-Believers live fully in the realm of God's love:

-God calls believers for His purpose:

-The image of Christ is visible in His people:

-What God starts, God will finish:

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-John Murray

## SERMON QUOTES:

### II. From condemnation to conformity

John Murray,

*“...the only biblical answer is that the faith which God foresees is the faith He Himself creates.”*

John Murray,

*“There is a final end that is more ultimate than the glorification of the people of God; it is that which is concerned with the preeminence of Christ.”*

Robert Haldane,

*“... as in all things He, (Christ), must have the preeminence, so that this limitation is introduced, that among them all He must be the first born; that is to say, the first, the principle, the most excellent, the Governor, the Lord.”*

Charles Hodge,

*“It is not merely an unintended result, but the great end contemplated in the predestination of God's people. That end is the glory and exaltation of Christ.”*