

# predestination (1080p)

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### Baruch Korman 00:42

I'm sure you've heard about the term predestination. There is a major difference between biblical predestination and theological predestination. Now, in actuality, they should be one in the same but they're not. When we usually think about predestination, the name John Calvin comes to mind and what's known as Reformed theology. And what do they say about predestination? Well, what they teach cannot be found in the Scripture at all. What they say is that God has predestined people, we could think of that as predetermined, who's going to be in heaven, and who's not. But hear this, when we look at the Biblical verses that deal with predestination, it has nothing to do with whether one's in heaven or not. It only has relevance and here this, predestination only has relevance for those who are in Messiah. In other words, predestination has no relevance whatsoever for person until they become a believer. Predestination only has to do with those who are in a new covenant relationship with Messiah. It has nothing to do with saying that God has predestined some for salvation and some not for salvation. Well, again, in actuality, what I say or anyone else says isn't important. Let's look at the Scripture and see what the Word of God reveals to us concerning predestination. Take out your Bible. And we're going to look at just two places in this study the book of Ephesians chapter one, and then we'll conclude with just two quick verses from Romans chapter eight. Why have I selected these two passages? Because here's where we read about biblical predestination. And again, I want to say, nowhere in the Scriptures do we find anywhere it's saying that God has predestined some for heaven and others for hell. It's just not there, that term predestination is not used in that way. It is totally unscriptural. What does the Scripture say about predestination? Well, we're gonna find out in efficient Ephesians chapter one, beginning with verse three, the blessing of God, and Father of our Lord Messiah, Yeshua, the one who has blessed us, and all or every spiritual blessing in the heavens, and

notice this next phrase, and Christ, I would highlight that, because in a moment, we're going to speak about predestination. And here's the relevance. Predestination is only relevant for those who are in Messiah. Predestination does not speak about where one's going to spend eternity, for predestination to be relevant. One has already accepted the gospel, and we'll be in the kingdom of God. Realize that again, first three, notice it's coming within the context of blessing. Why is God called here, the blessing God will get to come to that the blessing of God and Father, father is provider. So all of these terms are very, very important for setting the context for rightly understanding this doctrine. First three, the blessed God and Father of our Lord Messiah show, the one who has blessed us notice its Messiah show who has blessed us, and predestination is a blessing is coming to us in that context. Would you think that being predestined for Hell is a blessing? Absolutely no. But it has nothing to do with that. Read what the Scripture says, The one who has blessed us, and every spiritual blessing in the heavens, meaning it as a kingdom significance. And here's the key in Christ, verse four, just as this means that what we're talking about is related to what we're going to speak of, just as he has chosen us, how in him. So this choice he has chosen us when and him. Now it does not say he has chosen us to be in him. But it's because we're in him that he has chosen us that order is so important, I want to say it again. It does not say that he chose us to be in him. But rather, he's chosen us because we were in Him, we have to be in him to be chosen. Do you see that? That's foundation. Furthermore, keep reading just as he has chosen us and him. When did he do this? Well, this speaks about the foreknowledge of God, I want you to make a mental note of that we're going to be coming back to it, the foreknowledge of God, he has chosen us in Him before the foundations of the world. What does this speak? Well, there's an inherent relationship between the foreknowledge of God and the fact that God is all knowing. God is omniscient. He knows everything. When did he know everything? He always knew everything. There was never a time that he did not know everything. So it says, just as he has chosen us, in him, before the foundations of the world, and here's what we are predestined to be for us to be holy, and blameless before him. How in love. Now, notice, it says, In Christ in him in love, what does this teach us? When you look at that that preposition in? And how it's used here? God? Does he love you? Yes, he does. Are you going to be a recipient of the love of God? That depends on what? on you being in him. It is only when you are in Him, that you are going to be a recipient of the love of God. And likewise, it's only when you're in him that you're going to receive the benefit of predestination. What is predestination? Well, we're going to be told that in no uncertain term, look, if you would, to this, this first word says, and beginning in verse four, let's read it again, just as he's chosen us, in him before the foundations of the world, for us to be holy, and blameless before him in love. And now we have it, look at what it says, having predestined us for the adoption, through Messiah, Yeshua, in him. So what is the predestination, that we are predestined for the adoption? Now, why is that important? Well, adoption changes us, from servants to sons and daughters. What does that mean? We have an inheritance. And what is that inheritance? He's already told us. See, once you're in Messiah, you are predestined to be holy and blameless. What does that mean? We are predestined to be like him. Now, does that mean that we become God? No, that would be heresy. Do we become divine? No, we do not become divine. There's only one divine, that is God. But we become like him. What are we talking about? Well, we're going to be in the condition and it's speaking about, like that new body, that kingdom body that we receive at the rapture. So there's an inherent relationship between the rapture, what's the rapture, will look some time at flipping chapter one where it says, the good work that God has begin, he is good to complete it when in the day of Messiah, the day of Christ. So at that day of Christ, the rapture, we're going to receive a new body and that new body is going to put us into Kingdom

perfection. What does that mean? We're going to be all like him, like him and the sun. We're going to agree with him and we're not going to sin, we're going to be perfect servants in this new body, we are only going to be able to do the will of God perfectly. That is our hope. That's what predestination is that we have been predestined to be like him. Now, keep reading. It says in this passage,

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having been predestined for the adoption, through this adoption takes place by means of Messiah you're sure in him according to what was good, what scene good, according to His will. So it's God's will that we are like His Son. Now, let's go to that other passage of scripture. Look with me to the book of Romans, the book of Romans and chapter eight. And we're gonna see this same thing mean taught in a very specific way. Romans chapter eight. Let's begin with verse, verse 29, Romans eight, verse 29. Because those whom he for new Do you see this, for knowledge, there is an important relationship between foreknowledge and predestination. See what God knows, and he always knows this, that allows him to act to do things in regard to His foreknowledge. There's nothing wrong with that says, Because whom he for new, notice what it says he also pre Destin. Now what is that word predestined? We hear a real big theological term that can oftentimes come with a lot of baggage. But that term predestinated, as it's translated, is made up of two Greek words, what are they? The first word is pro meaning before. And the second one is ora O, or in most cases, or Rizzo. Now, ora O means seen. orzo is related to that it's a another verb for seem. But there's a bit of difference. And let me give you an example of this. The classic example is, let's say a woman, she wants to make herself a dress. Now she goes out, she selects the fabric that she wants that dress to be. And she also goes and buys a pattern. And through that pattern, it shows her how to make the dress. So it fulfills her desire, she sees that pattern. She knows ahead of time, what the dress is looking like. So the message is this pro or Rizzo, is the pattern on what the dress is going to be like, in this case, the predestination pro original sense, the the pattern is Messiah, what can I hope for? I'm going to be like him, I'm going to agree with him, I'm to think like him, I'm going to behave like him. I am going to be the perfect servant of Messiah. Is that in this life? No. It has it began. Yes, I can begin I'm in this process of sanctification, where I am hopefully growing, maturing and becoming more like Messiah. But that will not complete that work won't be finished. I won't become like in that perfect servant until when. Until I receive that new body. The good work that God has begin he is faithful to complete it in the day of Christ. When I'm change, then and only then in this new body in this kingdom body, am I going to be that perfect servant, and it all goes to the glory of God? He does the work. I'm a recipient of his workmanship, all the praise the honor and glory to him. Look again at verse 29. For whom he for new, also He predestined. Now he saw ahead of time what we're going to be he knew that pattern why the pattern is His eternal son. And that's why it says here I mean, can it be any more clear? It says those he for new He also predestined. What did He predestined us? He predestined us to be conformed to the image, the very likeness This is the Word icon. It represents a perfect likeness to so it says these are my words, conform to the likeness or the image of His Son. This is predestination, that we've been predestined to be like Messiah. Here again. Do we be Come God, no, do we become divine, that would be heresy, but we are conformed to His likeness, we become similar to in purpose in thought, indeed, in action, were transformed. We had that kingdom existence, we have that new kingdom body. This is what predestination is about. Where do you see here? In the passage that I've read earlier, or this passage has anything to do with God? He's sovereign. Yes, yes. But does that mean that God says, I choose and predetermined these people to be in heaven? Because I'm sovereign. And that's why I decide, and these other people I

predetermined not to be? This is God just making the decision. We don't see that in the Bible. I don't see any verse. And this whole concept of election, we'll talk about that another time, has nothing to do with that. We'll look at the Scripture. See, the problem with Calvinism is just that it relies upon one man's thought. It is not it is not it is not scripturally sound, what we find is this predestination is exactly what it says here, that we have been pre destined, for what we those who are in Christ, to be conformed to the image of His Son. For him to be now talking about Besides, he's the firstborn, among many brothers and beans, brothers and sisters. Look now to verse 30. Now, it's good to just re establish what we've just said, we could say confirm what we've said. But whom he has predestinated. This one also he's called, here's the process. He's called that one. And he who is called, he's also reconcile justified is a better way. He calls he justifies and what else, the one who he justifies, he also glorifies. That's the final outcome. So here's the word based upon the foreknowledge of God. That's what it says in this text. God does what God pre determines, predict determines what that those who are in Christ, very important, not pre determining who will be in Christ, but those who are in Messiah only does predestined, they should come into relevance for those who are in Messiah, that they are the ones who are called, that is invited, those who submit to that instruction or that invitation, they are going to be chosen. Those who are chosen are going to be justified, made righteous, and those who are are made righteous, as it says here, they are going to be glorified. What does it mean glorified? We're going to become like Messiah. That is what predestination is all about. A individual. Once he accepts the gospel, that's where predestination begins. Once they have accepted the gospel, then it's predetermined by the purposes in the plans of God, what this one who has accepted Messiah is going to be like, God is going to glorify this one, conform that one to the image, the likeness of his son. That's the good news of predestination, again, not determining who's going to be in heaven and who's not. Predestination is for those who are in Messiah. And the promise is this, that God has promised us that we're going to be like his son, like him and holding us and to be part of that eternal Kingdom the truth concerning predestination, while close with that until next time, Shalom from Israel

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