

God's Predestined Plan for Man

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

- **So, We Know!**

- **All things**

- **Temptations – James 1:2** *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*
- **Trials & Tribulation - 1Peter 1:6** *Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:
7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:
9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.*
- **Persecution – 2 Timothy 3:12** *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*
- **Chastisement - Hebrews 12:5** *And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:*

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

- **Because we trust the ONE Who Knows All**

- God is Sovereign over all
- God knows all
- God is The All-Powerful Master Planner of All things Pertaining to Life
 - **God's Purpose** - He made us to be in His image
 - **Genesis 1:26a** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:
 - **Genesis 1:27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
 - **God's Plan** - Christ is our pre-destined state
 - **Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
 - **God's Perspective** - God's knows what we are going to do, when we are going to do it, and why
 - **1Chronicles 28:9** And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever.
 - **God's Protection** - His foreknowledge places things in my life to point me to or back to Him
 - **Romans 8:29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

God's Everlasting Love

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

- So, there is no arguing...There is no contesting the simple Biblical fact that if God, Creator of the Universe is for us, who will be able to come against us?
 - We too often allow our problem to become bigger than God Almighty, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit
 - My Past is too great
 - My Sin is too much
 - My Trial is more
 - My Temptation is too much
 - My Doubt is too great
 - My Hope is too lost
 - My Fears are too real
 - Satan, Society, and Self all work together to bring us to the point of believing lies
 - **God's Word is alive and powerful – Hebrews 4:12** “For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”
 - **God's Word gives us the weaponry to fight**
 - **2Corinthians 10:3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
 - 4** (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
 - 5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
 - 6** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

- Why do we continue to try to argue with One who is for us?
 - There is no argument
 - God is For Me
 - He proved it with Jesus Christ
 - He daily proves it with His Holy Spirit & His Word
 - He has given me life eternal
 - He wants me to enjoy life more abundantly

Rom 8:33 Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

- Who are the “elect”
 - These are those who have “elected” to accept the propitiation for their sin, Jesus Christ for their justification and reconciliation unto God the Father
 - These are the people who “elected” to see that God in His Foreknowledge put a plan in their life to point them to Christ
 - These are the people who “elect” to walk in their predestined state of Christ
 - This chapter started out with, “There is therefore NO condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”
- So, who is greater than God?
 - Who can bring something against Christ?
 - Who can dispute God's compassion to mankind through His Son?
 - NOONE but You can keep you from “electing” to walk in God's Chosen state for you...NOONE!