

Romans Chapter 8
Week 10, v. 30

Ro 8:30 and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Romans 8:30 in the KJV begins with the word 'moreover'. Verse 30 is a continuation of the previous verse. Those who God predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, He also called...

There is a series of events that happens in a believer's life. One is connected to the other. **What are they?**

1. We are predestined – we talked about this last week – **what does this mean?** (predetermined, ordained) [fixed or established by virtue of superior authority, appointed]

Eph 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

Eph 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

2. We are called -- <kaleo> from <keleuo> to bid, to call forth; to appoint; to hail, to order, to command

Ro 1:1-7 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called [as] an apostle, *set apart for the gospel of God*, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, *through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about [the] obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for His name's sake*, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; to all who are *beloved of God* in Rome, called [as] saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

According to the above passage, what does it mean to be called?

- Set apart for the Gospel of God
 - The recipient of grace for the purpose of obedience to Christ
 - Beloved of God – saints: to be holy
3. We are justified -- <dikaioo> to show or regard as innocent, free, righteous; [justified: absolved, excused; righteous: guiltless, innocent, worthy]

Ro 2:13 for not the hearers of the Law are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

Ro 3:22-24 even [the] righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Ro 3:28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

Ro 5:1 Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ro 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath [of God] through Him.

Ro 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

What do we learn about justification from the above scriptures?

- The evidence of justification is action
 - Justification is a gift given by grace through faith in Christ
 - Works alone cannot justify
 - Justification results in peace with God
 - Justification frees us from the wrath of God
 - God is the One who justifies
4. We are glorified <doxazo> to render (or esteem) glorious, full of glory, honor, magnify;

John 17:22 "And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one;

Ro 8:17-18 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with [Him] in order that we may also be glorified with [Him.] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

What do we learn about being glorified from the verses above?

- We share in Christ's glory
- It is given by God
- It is given to God's children as His heirs
- In sharing Christ's glory, we also share in His sufferings
- The glory that will someday be fully realized has a far greater value than the calamities we may face on earth

He [Paul] uses the past tense for the present time, as the Hebrews use, who sometimes describe something that is to come by using the past tense, to signify the certainty of it: and he also is referring to God's continual working. Geneva Bible Notes

...we must consider that in the work of justification sanctification is implied; justification being the foundation and beginning of that work. From all this we learn that none will be glorified who have not been sanctified and justified; that the justified are those who have been called or invited by the Gospel of Christ; that those who have had this calling are they to whom God determined to grant this privilege-they did not choose this salvation first, but God sent it to them when they knew him not-and therefore the salvation of the Gentile world, as well as that of the Jews, comes through the gratuitous mercy of God himself,... Here it seems to mean that those whom God had called into a state of justification he had rendered illustrious by innumerable gifts, graces, and privileges, in the same manner as he had done to the Israelites of old. Adam Clarke's Commentary

Like links in a golden chain, each one of the blessings of grace draws on another. The central links are within our view, and if we know them to be ours, we may be sure that the others which belong to the past and the future are securely fastened to them. He who is called is most assuredly predestinated, and shall, beyond all question, be in due time glorified. Spurgeon Devotional Commentary

How would you personalize the promises in Romans 8:30?

I have been predestined to be God's child, to be adopted by Him; I am called to be set apart for His glory; I am justified by His grace through the death and resurrection of His only Son – God has given me the ability to trust in His plan and accept His gift; I will someday be glorified in heaven with a new body minus my sin nature.

We have been given the most precious gift available to man. **What are we doing with it?**

Think!

Does my life speak of my adopted Father?

Does my life blend in with the world around me or am I set apart?

Does my life exemplify the justification I have in Christ – is peace a characteristic of my life?

How do these truths affect the way I respond to suffering?

How do these truths affect my priorities?

How would each of these questions, if lived out faithfully by God's grace, affect my family? My friends? My colleagues? My neighbors? My brothers and sisters in Christ?

Application Questions

Review the Chapter and your notes. Use your 'Apply It' bookmark to help relate what God is teaching you to your life and circumstances. As you consider the questions below, be mindful of any additional thoughts or questions God puts on your heart and jot them down.

What does it mean that God predestined you? (Eph 1:5; Eph 1:11)

Romans 8:30 says you are called. Look up Romans 1:1-7 and list what the passage says about being called.

What do you learn about justification from the following scriptures?

Romans 2:13

Romans 3:22-24

Romans 3:28

Romans 5:1

Romans 5:9

Romans 8:33

Romans 8:30 ends with the statement that those whom God has justified He has glorified. Read John 17:22 and Romans 8:17-18. What do these passages say about being glorified?

In what ways do you see God working in your life to bring about the full realization of who you are in Christ? In what 'Christ-like' ways are you growing?

Take the time to personalize Romans 8:30. How do these promises from God affect your relationships? Your priorities? Your thoughts? Your choices?