

Salvation from God's Side in Eternity
Romans 8:29
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Paul assures us that the promise of Romans 8:28 is true.

A promise is only as strong as the one who makes the promise.

Paul gives us a God's eye view of salvation from first to last.

This is a radically God-centered mindset.

This mindset contains the mother-lode of all comfort.

Foreknowledge

What is foreknowledge?

Two possibilities.

God knew what we would do.
God knew what he would do.

The faith God foresees, he creates.

To foreknow, in this case, is to love beforehand.

To God, time is a creature, a creation of his.

God sees past, present and future all standing before him.

So, what does Foreknowledge mean?

“he set his heart upon with covenantal love.”

“His foreknowledge is His affectionate, distinguishing love.”

Foreknowledge is “Divine, active, delight.”

God fore-loved his chosen people.

This knowledge is an intimate knowledge of persons.

Genesis 18:19; Jeremiah 1:5; Romans 11:2; Exodus 33:17; Matt 7:23; John 10:14; 1 Corinthians 8:3

Westminster Confession of Faith 3:5

When God gives a reason for his choice, it has to do with him, not with us.

The self-generated love of God from eternity past, is the reason for our salvation (2 Timothy 2:19; Ephesians 1:4-6; 2 Timothy 1:9).

God set his love on us, because he wanted to, God fore-loved us.

Do you really desire your salvation to depend on what you deserve?

God's plans come to pass.

Predestined

Why? To what end?

To be conformed to th?

Firstborn among many brothers.

God is crafting people fit for the heavenly life.

Christ must have the preeminence.

Why does God speak of foreknowledge and predestination to us?

- 1) It is to give assurance of his love to believers.
- 2) To give us confidence for our growing in grace.
- 3) To give us confidence in his providence to believers.

God fore-loved me before eternity past.