

## ***God Is Foreknowing*** **Romans 8:28-30**

### Main Point:

Praise the One who foreknew you in Christ from all eternity.

#### 1. God's foreknowledge

**Steven Lawson** "God never looks into the distant horizon of time and discovers what He did not previously know. In actuality, the only thing God foresees is what He has already foreordained before the foundation of the world."

**Acts 13:48** 48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. (NKJV)

**2 Timothy 2:24-25** 24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, (NKJV)

**A.W. Pink** "God did not elect any sinner because he foresaw that he would believe, for the simple but sufficient reason that no sinner ever does believe until God gives him faith; just as no man sees until God gives him sight."

**Steven Lawson** "The word 'foreknowledge' refers to those with whom God chose to enter into a special, saving relationship - before time began. For God to foreknow someone means He chose in eternity past to love them with a saving love."

**Genesis 4:1** 1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." (NKJV)

**Matthew 7:22-23** 22 Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?" 23 And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" (NKJV)

**1 Peter 1:2** 2 elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ ... (NKJV)

**A.W. Pink** "False theology makes God's foreknowledge of our believing the cause of his election to salvation; whereas, God's election is the cause, and our believing in Christ is the effect."

**Acts 2:23** 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; (NKJV)

**Ephesians 1:5-6** 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. (NKJV)

**John 1:12-13** 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (NKJV)

**Acts 18:27** 27 And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace (NKJV)

**Ephesians 2:8-9** 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. (NKJV)

**Steven Lawson** "This truth of the foreknowledge of God should cause our hearts to be ignited with greater adoration for Him who chose to love us before time began."

#### 2. God's foreknowledge in the gospel

#### 3. God's foreknowledge in the Christian life