

Whom He Did Foreknow

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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**.

I. The five words that let us understand how God gives eternal life to His children

1. 'Foreknow'

- Occurred in the mind of God from eternity past
- More than awareness—'Foreknow' is 'oneness'
- Though it is the foundation for salvation—Most know nothing about 'foreknow'

2. 'Predestinate'

- Occurred in the mind of God before the world began
- God elected a vast host (but not all) and predetermined their destiny
- Though this is essential to salvation—Most ignore or reject this Bible truth

3. 'Called'

- Occurs in each of God's elect at some time between conception and death
- God's method to raise the spiritually dead to spiritual life—'Born again'
- Most miss the Bible truth that 'called' is entirely an act of God

4. 'Justified'

- Occurred on the cross and in the courtroom of heaven
- God's declaration of innocence upon each of His elect that Jesus died for
- Most miss the Bible truth that eternal justification is entirely an act of God

5. 'Glorified'

- The certain state of each of God's elect in heaven
- 'Glorified' will see all the details in 'predestinate' worked out perfectly
- Most miss the Bible truth that God's salvation is 100% successful

—The five action verbs are interlinked to make an unbreakable chain

—The five action verbs are all of God

—The five words declare unity in the Trinity—Trinity without unity is absurdity

II. Foreknow—God always knew (*fore-knew*) & now knows everything about all things

Act 15:18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Psa 147:5 Great *is* our Lord...his understanding *is* infinite.

Isa 40:28 ...*there is* no searching of his understanding.

Isa 46:9 ...*I am* God, and *there is* none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like me,

Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning...

Psa 139:2 ...thou understandest my thought afar off.

Psa 139:3 Thou...art acquainted *with* all my ways.

Psa 139:4 For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it...

Psa 139:11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Psa 139:12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to thee*.

Isa 65:24 ..before they call, I will answer...

III. Yet the Bible often uses 'know' or 'knew' not just as being aware of something

Gen 4:1 And Adam **knew** Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain...

Hos 2:19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

Hos 2:20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt **know** the LORD

Luk 1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I **know** not a man?

Mat 1:24 Then Joseph...took unto him his wife:

Mat 1:25 And **knew** her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son...

Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never **knew** you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

IV. The “infinite kind of know” versus the “one with kind of know”

- Know can be a state of awareness
- Know can be a state of oneness

- Know can mean: ‘To be mindful of’
- Know can mean: ‘To be in love with’

- Know is sometimes: ‘Knowing all about another’
- Know is sometimes: ‘Being one with another’

- With God—Know can be: ‘Knowing everything about all’
- With God—Know can be: ‘Loving everything about one’

- God’s “awareness kind of know” is infinite
- God’s “one with kind of know” is limited

- God ‘knows’ all He ‘knows’
- God does not ‘know’ all He ‘knows’

- Meaning: God is aware of—All He is one with
- Yet: God is not one with—All He is aware of

V. What is the ‘foreknow’ in Romans 8:29?

A. Is it the infinite foreknow? Or the limited foreknow?

[Act 15:18](#) Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

[Psa 147:5](#) Great *is* our Lord...his understanding *is* infinite.

[Gen 4:1](#) And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain...

B. Those foreknown are the same as those predestinated to glory

[Rom 8:29](#) For **whom** he did foreknow, he also did **predestinate**...

[Rom 8:30](#) Moreover **whom** he did **predestinate** ... them he also **glorified**.

C. Predestinate is very particular word for a particular group to a particular end

[Eph 1:4](#) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...

[Eph 1:5](#) Having **predestinated us** unto the **adoption** of children...

[Eph 1:11](#) In whom also **we** have obtained an **inheritance**, being **predestinated**...

D. All are not foreknown (loved) or predestinated to glory

[Rom 9:13](#) As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Rom 9:22 *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Rom 9:23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

VI. 'Foreknow' and 'know' make up the foundation of the whole plan of salvation

A. Foreknow / know—The underlying motive behind, cause of, basis for salvation

Rom 8:29 For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did predestinate...

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father...

B. Know / foreknow—Not only the foundation—But also what makes it sure

2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord **knoweth** them that are his...

Rom 11:2 God hath not cast away his people which he **foreknew**...

C. God's unchangeable 'foreknow' (eternal love) is what makes salvation certain

Jer 31:3 ...I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Joh 17:23 ...that the world may know that thou hast...loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VII. Pictures of God 'knowing' us as a husband 'knows' his wife

Eph 5:31 ...they two shall be one flesh.

Eph 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Joh 3:29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom...

Rev 19:7 ...the marriage of the Lamb is come...

Rev 21:2 ...a bride adorned for her husband.

Isa 54:5 For thy Maker *is* thine husband; the LORD of hosts *is* his name...

Hos 2:16 And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, *that* thou shalt call me Ishi (*my husband*); and shalt call me no more Baali (*master*).

2Co 11:2 ...I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ.

Eze 16:4 And *as for* thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple *thee*; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

Eze 16:5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.

Eze 16:6 And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live.

Eze 16:7 I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments: *thy* breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou *wast* naked and bare.

Eze 16:8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was* the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.