

Sovereign for Good, pt. 3 Called, Justified, Glorified

Romans 8 is Paul's statement of why the Gospel of Jesus the Christ is such good news!

- v. 1 – no condemnation for sins!
- v. 9 – the Spirit of Christ Himself living inside, so that now...
- v. 4 – a person might actually begin to fulfill God's law, and v. 13 be really putting to death the sinful deeds so natural to us
- v. 11 – a body that will be raised from the grave immortal
- v. 14-16 – “adoption as sons”
- v. 24-25 – Hope in the face of suffering
- v. 26-27 – the Spirit Himself interceding in prayer
- v. 28 – All things working together for good...!!!

For whom?

- Those in Christ Jesus – v. 1
- The “us” of v. 4, 6, 14, 28

Yet, how are these recipients determined...? => v. 29-30

- 1. Foreknew – v. 29** – God's free and sovereign decision to fore-love certain individuals...
- 2. Predestined – v. 29** – God determined HOW He would love the ones He foreknew – conforming them to the image of His Son...
- 3. Called – v. 30**
 - a. A “passive” term
 - b. A “purposeful” term
 - c. Scriptural Moniker for Christians
 - Rom 1:6-7 – called to belong to Jesus Christ, called to be saints
 - Rom 9:24 – even us whom he has called
 - 1 Cor 1:1-2 – called to be an Apostle; called to be saints
 - 1 Cor 1:9 – called into the fellowship of his Son
 - Eph 4:1 – walk worthy of the calling with which you have been called
 - Jude 1 – to those who are called
 - Rev 17:14 – those with him are the called and chosen and faithful

d. Two Calls of God

• General Call / External Call

- Matt 13:1-9
- Isaiah 55:1
- Rev 22:17
- Matt 11:28
- Mark 1:38, Mark 3:14, Matt 28:19

Yet...

- Matt 22:14
- Matt 7:14

• Effective Call / Internal Call

John 6:44

e. How does this “Calling” work?

Consider a runner...

1 Thess 1:4-6, 2:13

So,

- the External Call (the Gospel preached),
- the Internal Call (by the Holy Spirit, which brings regeneration),
- that results in the willing and necessary Repentance & Faith toward Jesus
- Resulting in Salvation...

4. Justified – v. 30

“Declared Righteous”

Phil 3:8-9

Rom 3:20

Rom 3:21-25; 4:3, 5, 7-8

5. Glorified – v. 30

- a) In Body – Phil 3:21
- b) In Spirit – Rom 7:24-25
- c) In Provision – Ps 35:27
- d) In Relationships – Col 1:20
 - 1. With God
 - 2. With Others (all others)
 - 3. With Self...

Praxis

- 1. What's the difference between the External Call and Internal Call to salvation? Think of an illustration (besides runner) of how they work together...
- 2. As you think of speaking the Gospel to others, how does the reality of God's irresistible internal call affect you?
- 3. If all people desire "glory" in one form or another, how does having to wait for our glory inspire in us faith? hope? love?
- 4. Will our receiving "glory" enhance or diminish Jesus' place as firstborn? Why? How?