

Whom He Did Predestinate

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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.

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I. Predestinate—[*Proorizo* (Greek)]

A. **Webster's 1828 Dictionary**: to predetermine or foreordain;
to appoint or ordain beforehand by an unchangeable purpose

B. ***Proorizo***: (Gk) *to limit in advance, predetermine*: determine before, ordain, predestinate

II. Predestinate appears four times—[*Proorizo* (Gk) appears six times]

A. **God did not predestinate all things—God predestinated His children to salvation**

Eph 1:5 Having **predestinated us** unto the **adoption** of children...

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an **inheritance**, being **predestinated**...

Rom 8:29 For **whom** he did foreknow, he also did **predestinate** *to be* **conformed** to the image of his Son...

Rom 8:30 Moreover **whom** he did **predestinate** ... them he also **glorified**.

B. **Two additional passages where *proorizo* appears—Both to do with crucifixion**

Act 4:27 ...against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

Act 4:28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel **determined before** to be done.

1Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God **ordained before** the world unto our glory:

1Co 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

C. Everything in the world does not happen by God's predestination

1. Predestinate pertains to the eternal destiny of a particular people
—Providence pertains to the ever-presence of God in the lives of His people

2. God does not predestinate (nor cause in any way) our sins—Or us to sin
Heb 10:26 For if we sin **wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth...

Jer 32:35 And they built the high places of Baal...to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* unto Molech; which **I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind**, that they should do this abomination...

3. Blame death on man's sin—Not on God's predestination
Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death...

4. Yet, it is comforting to know that the providence of God is involved in death
Isa 57:1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth *it* to heart: and merciful men *are* taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil *to come*

5. The providence of God is what pertains to our daily needs and our suffering
Mat 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air...your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

2Co 12:9 ...My grace is sufficient for thee...

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

III. Scriptures that relate to the character of the God who predestinates

A. There is never anything new in the mind of God
Act 15:18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

B. God declares—purposes—wills—and brings to pass
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, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Isa 46:11 ...yea, I have spoken *it*, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed *it*, I will also do it.

C. No one, or no thing, can hinder God from doing His will

Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Isa 14:27 For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul *it*? ...

Job 23:13 But he *is* in one *mind*, and who can turn him? and *what* his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth.

Psa 115:3 But our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

D. This is the God who had a purpose to save

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace...

IV. Eternal life is based on God's predestination—Not God's observation

A. By God's observation—He sees none good, no not one

Psa 14:2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men...

Psa 14:3 ...*there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

B. Human nature says, "Surely God saw that some were good enough." —Not so

Isa 64:6 ...all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags..

Jas 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

Deu 27:26 Cursed *be* he that confirmeth not *all* the words of this law to do them...

C. The Bible says that eternal life is not based on man's works

Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

2Ti 1:9 ...not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace...

D. The Bible says that eternal life is not based on man's faith

Rom 9:16 ...not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God...

Rom 3:3-4 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid...

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

E. Rebellion argues with God—Submission worships God

Rom 3:19 ...that every mouth may be stopped...

Rom 3:27 Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded...by the law of faith.

V. Predestination is not a disgrace—But to the praise of the glory of God’ grace

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 by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 **To the praise of the glory of his grace...**

A. If God chose according to what man would do—Then election is not of grace

Rom 11:6 And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

B. God’s plan of salvation is unto good works —Not because of good works

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

C. Election is so we will bring forth fruits—Not because we have (or would)

Joh 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit...

D. Faith is a result of election—Not the cause

Act 13:48 ...and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

E. God chooses sinners and causes them to approach unto Him

Psa 65:4 Blessed *is the man whom* thou chooseth, and causeth to approach *unto thee*...

F. Election is as crucial to salvation as crucifixion or ‘born again’

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

VI. So if God predestinated and gives eternal life—Is there nothing for me to do?

A. As far as eternal life goes—There is nothing that man has to do to get it

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

B. As far as honoring the God who saves us goes—There is plenty to do

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Act 9:6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? ...

C. As far as experiencing God's blessings here and now goes—There is plenty to do

Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

D. As far as “*Livin’ Whatcha Been Given*” goes—There is plenty to do

Php 2:12 ...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

VII. As far as coming to (and bringing people to) Jesus goes—There is plenty to do

Joh 1:46 ...Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

Rev 22:17 ...the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Act 2:37 ..they were pricked in their heart, and said...Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized...

Act 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized,...