

Romans 8:28-30

***-For Those Whom He Foreknew He
Also Predestined Part IV***

-1) Screening/Prejudging people as to whether their circumstances are right for *them* to be ready to hear the Gospel message and respond to it.

-2) Emotional coercion: If I believed that the salvation of any person were somehow dependent upon them choosing God thereby providing Him the opportunity to then choose them, I would be prone to coerce them through some kind of emotional manipulation into saying the so-called “sinner’s prayer” that in actuality is found nowhere in the Bible, and I MIGHT be inclined to declare them to be saved in that moment whether they truly are or not because they said a prayer.

-3) Relevance would drive our services. If, as a preacher in the church, I believed that God was not absolutely sovereign over the salvation of any currently lost person present at any worship service, I might be prone to design our services to have just enough worldly culture in it so as to be as relevant and attractive to a lost person as possible in order to make them feel comfortable with us until I could convince them they need to repent of their sins and put their trust in Christ.

-Ephesians 2:1-3 (ESV) 1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

-Understand/interpret the temporal expressions of God interacting with His creatures within time and space revealed in Scripture THROUGH the lens of His eternal attributes as also revealed in Scripture.

-Sam Storms: “God’s election of us is, in effect, no more than a divine echo of our election of Him.”

**-God's election of any of us is NOT
dependent upon our...**

-Will: Romans 9:16 (ESV) So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

-Works: 2 Timothy 1:9 (ESV) who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

**-Holiness: Ephesians 1:4 (ESV) even
as he chose us in him before the
foundation of the world, that we
should be (εἶναι) holy and
blameless before him...**

-Obedience: 1 Peter 1:1-2 (ESV) 1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience (εἰς ὑπακοήν) to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

-Romans 8:30 (YLT) and whom He did fore-appoint, these also He did call; and whom He did call, these also He declared righteous; and whom He declared righteous, these also He did glorify.

-And whom He predestined He called, justified, and glorified.

-Acts 17:30-31 (ESV) 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

-1 Corinthians 1:22-24 (ESV) 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**-“The first kind of call makes the hearers accountable to believe the truth they have heard. The second kind of call creates the belief itself. This second call is effective. It creates what it commands. It is the same as the call from Jesus to Lazarus: ‘Dead man, live!’ (see John 11:43).” —John Piper,
*Providence***

-Romans 3:28 (ESV) For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

-Galatians 2:16 (ESV) yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

-Ephesians 2:4-6 (ESV) 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

-Ephesians 2:19 (ESV) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

-Philippians 3:20 (ESV) But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

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sons of disobedience-- 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions
of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were
by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being
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Christ--by grace you have been saved-- 6 and raised us up with him and
seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the
coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in
kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved
through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a
result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his
workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God
prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

-Romans 8:30

οὓς δὲ προώρισεν

(And) whom He predestined

τούτους καὶ ἐκάλεσεν

THESE also He called

**-καὶ οὓς ἐκάλεσεν
and whom He called
τούτους καὶ ἐδικαίωσεν
THESE also He justified**

-οὓς δὲ ἐδικαίωσεν
(and) whom He justified

τούτους καὶ ἐδόξασεν
THESE also He glorified

-It is God who predestines from eternity past and not on the basis of anything that He foresees in us that warrants His choosing of us.

-It is God who calls and by that calling causes us to come alive to His calling just as Lazarus did in the tomb.

-It is God who justifies through the propitiatory work of Christ's death on the cross and our faith in Him resulting from the effectual call.

-And it is God who glorifies as He grants us citizenship in His heaven — right here, right now though we aren't yet enjoying experientially, we should, by this passage, enjoy the surety of our future enjoyment.