

## **Pt 28 Romans 8:30, Called, Justified, Glorified**

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**Romans 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.

Last week we looked at the previous verse, 29 and we talked about:

1. **Dispensationalism** (God working in certain people at a certain time about a certain thing)
2. **Foreknowledge** (God knowing all things beforehand)
3. **Predestination** (God choosing or appointing beforehand those he would conform to the image of his Son)

This morning we pick up in verse 30 which is connected to verse 29 as well and I want us to focus on three other important things and that is:

1. **Calling** – The Bible mentions “the called” many times
2. **Justification** – What, When, Why
3. **Glorification** – What, When, Why

Our opening text in verse 30 starts out with the word “**Moreover**.” The word moreover is used **14-times** in our King James Bible, and it is used to further the meaning of what was just said. You could also say something such as “**and in addition to that...**” Here it is expounding upon God’s predestining people to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Let’s read verse 29-30 together so that it flows properly: **Romans 8:29-30** 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. 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.

So, in addition to God’s predestining those to be conformed unto the image of his Son, he also **called**. The word called here is indicating **God’s effectual calling**. This calling is a **drawing to Himself**. When God calls you, he is calling you to draw near to Him. A preacher is “called” to draw himself to Christ to preach His Gospel.

I can say from experience that God’s calling on your life is an overwhelming draw that He places on you that you cannot escape from. When I was called to preach, I wanted to make 100% certain that it was God calling me and not my own self-will or the calling of others that wanted me to become a preacher. I tried to get out of the calling – I did not want to be a preacher. So, I did everything else in the ministry besides preach; choir director, Sunday school teacher, visitation, nursing home, sign changer...

You see, there are many preachers in my family, and I had heard all the horror stories of what they had went through. I didn’t feel that I had what it took to stand before a congregation and preach. Not only that but have known many young men that have claimed to be called by God to preach that are not preaching at all today. What they thought was a calling was just an emotion that they were going through. One young man that I went to high school with was in a terrible car accident that killed someone. Two weeks after that he made the announcement that he had been called to preach. He preached one time and never did it again. Once he got it out of his system, he realized it was not God calling but his own guilt that was calling him.

I’ve known some men who greatly admired some preacher or evangelist and they got caught up in the excitement in a meeting and announced that they had been called to preach – yet nothing ever came out of it. In fact, one young man that I know did that and preached a few meetings and struggled through it. Today he claims to be an Atheist.

If you are truly called by God, you can fight against it, run from it, try to do every job in the church besides preach but you will have to eventually submit to God’s calling or your life or you will be miserable.

Let me also say this. If God truly calls you, He will open the doors for you. You don’t have to kick doors down and make opportunities for yourself. I never one time in my ministry ever asked anyone if I could come and preach. I never put word out that I was looking for opportunities, God just sent them my way and I obeyed.

Here in our text the calling is not the call to become a preacher, but **it is God calling those whom he is going to conform to the image of his Son, to draw unto Him**. You could call it **the bidding of the Holy Spirit**. If you are saved today, God called you unto Himself and you submitted to His calling.

Listen to what Paul wrote to the Church at Thessalonica:

**2 Thessalonians 2:13-14** But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning **chosen you to salvation** through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto **he called you** by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here Paul uses the word “**chosen**” instead of “**predestined**,” but it has the same meaning. Then he says that God “**called**” them by the gospel. That is exactly what God did for us. He chose us (or predestined us) before the foundation of the world and when the time came for us to be saved, he “called us” through the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So – to be “**called**” by God means **he is drawing you to himself**. It is his **effectual calling**.

The next part of our verse **Romans 8:30b ... and whom he called, them he also justified...** Let’s look at that word “**Justified**.”

**Justified means to be made free**. Cleared from any wrong doing. In other words your slate has been wiped clean. It is like in a court of law when a criminal stands before the judge and he says, “Your crime has been completely absolved, you are free on all charges, and free from any punishment and your record has been wiped clean.” The criminal did not change, only his state or standing. It’s the same with us. When Jesus justifies us he places us in Christ. It isn’t any works that WE have done or behavior modification, it is the works that HE has done that justifies us and it is by Grace through Faith we are justified.

**Faith:** Remember what we studied in **Romans 3:28** where it says: *Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*

**Galatians 2:16** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

**Grace:** Where Sanctification is an ongoing process, Justification It is a one-time thing which occurs immediately upon salvation, and it comes about through God’s GRACE. Listen to what Paul wrote to Titus: **Titus 3:3-7**

3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.  
4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,  
5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;  
6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;  
7 That being **justified by his grace**, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

If we were not justified, we could never stand before God, because ALL people (before they are saved) are enemies of God. We know this because the Bible tells us: **Romans 5:8-10** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, **when we were enemies**, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Paul writing to the Church at Corinth said this: **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such **were some of you**: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, **but ye are justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

For us to have peace with God and not be his enemy, we must be justified.

Now look at our opening text again and let's cover the last part of the verse: **Romans 8:30c...** and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

There are 63 different variations of the word glorified in the New Testament. Whether it be Glorified, Glorify, Glorifying, Glory, or Glorious.

Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines the word Glorified as: **GLO'RIFIED, pp. Honored; dignified; exalted to glory.**

That's a good definition; however, I like how **Thayer's Dictionary** defines it best:

- To make glorious, adorn with luster, clothe with splendor
- To impart glory to something, render it excellent
- To make renowned, render illustrious

We've already studied about being Justified and we talked about being Sanctified, which both are present conditions of all believers. But there is one final step in our Salvation which we will not see until we meet the Lord face to face and that is our Glorification.

So, we were foreknown, chosen, called, justified, sanctified and then our final destination is to be glorified.

As we studied last time, God's purpose for us is to be conformed to the image of his Son, that was in verse 29. That means glorification is when we are completely conformed into His image. This is going to involve conforming our heart, mind, soul, and spirit into the kind of heart, mind, soul, and spirit that Jesus has. I can safely say that none of us there yet...

But there is also something else that will be conformed into the image of Jesus and that is our bodies. I like how Paul says it in **2 Corinthians 5:1-2** For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (2) For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

Job knew about the glorified body. Job is the oldest book in the Bible and he says this: **Job 19:25-27** For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: (26) And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God: (27) Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; *though* my reins be consumed within me.

But perhaps the greatest teaching of our receiving a glorified body is found in the New Testament and once again the human-penman Paul writes this: **Philippians 3:20-21** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: (21) Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

No more "vile" bodies, but bodies that will no longer have aches and pains. No more cancer. No more diabetes. No more high blood pressure. No more high cholesterol. No more coughing, sneezing, vomiting, diarrhea, headaches, viruses. No more of any of that. We will have perfect bodies. In essence, you could say that one of the rewards of being a Christian is this glorification of our bodies.

Now, when do we get these glorified bodies? We know from reading our Bibles, when a believer dies their soul departs and enters Heaven: **2 Corinthians 5:8** We are confident, / say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Our bodies will remain in the ground and turn back into dust, but our soul goes to Heaven to be in the presence of the LORD. But there is going to be a day when all the dead in Christ shall rise. It is the day when the Lord Jesus raptures His Church out of this cursed world. We read about it in **1 Thessalonians 4:13-17** But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. (15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. (16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (17) Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

When the Lord Jesus comes back the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, all those that have been dead and their bodies lying dead, rotten in the ground, the LORD is going to reunite their souls with their bodies, and they will be changed into a glorified body. Those that are alive when the LORD comes, will immediately be raptured up to meet Him and their bodies will be changed into a glorified body in a split second. The Bible says, "**in the twinkling of an eye.**" **1 Corinthians 15:50-53** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. (51) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

Our present bodies were inherited from the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam, and it is earthy and corrupt. Our glorified bodies are inherited from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam and is heavenly, spiritual, and incorrupt. In other words, our glorified bodies will be like the body of Christ:

**1 John 3:1-2** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him**; for we shall see him as he is.

How great it is going to be one day to leave this old tabernacle behind never to worry again.