

Journeying Through the Book of Romans

Season 6: You Were Chosen



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Scripture

- **Romans 8:28-30**

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified. And these whom He justified, He also glorified.

- **Ephesians 1:3-5**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace...

Other Scriptures

- Jeremiah 1:5
- Ephesians 2:3
- Romans 8:18
- John 6:41-45; 15:6
- Galatians 2:16
- I John 1:8
- I Corinthians 2:9

Main Points

- God uses everything in our life to conform us to the image of Jesus.
- God had a destiny for you before you were even born.
- God's purpose for your life is to be conformed to the image of His Son.
- God uses difficulties to conform us to the image of Jesus.
- Because you were chosen, you were predestined and called.
- When you entered into a relationship with Jesus, you became **justified**.
- We are not justified because of who we are, but because we are in Jesus.

- God will never love you and I more than He loves us right now.
- IN CHRIST YOU ARE: chosen, predestined, justified, called, and glorified.
- We are so much more than we realize.
- You are going to be glorified!
- God has a plan, a future, and a destiny for us!

Discussion Questions

1. What does Romans 8:28 and 29 mean when both verses are read in context?
2. Paul describes the foreknown and predestined. When were we chosen? What were we chosen for?
3. Did God choose you because you were better than others? Knowing this, how does this cause you to feel?
4. Romans 8:30 describes a chain of qualities we received when we were predestined to be His. Describe these qualities and what they mean.
 - a. Called-
 - b. Justified-
 - c. Glorified-
5. Do we deserve any of these gifts? Can we, in and of ourselves, perfect ourselves for future glorification? In whom are we made complete? That God sees us as perfect is truly amazing. Write a response to God for this indescribable gift.
6. What did Rabbi mean when he said we are so much more than we think we are?