



Sunday, July 19, 2015

THE GOSPEL TO THE ROMANS
“Foreknown, Predestined, and Called”

Romans 8:26-31

1. He leads us through them: Rom 8:14
 2. He helps us overcome our sins by calling us back to the cross and repentance: Rom 8:15
 3. He reminds and affirms us that we are sons of God, as He did Christ: Rom 8:16
 4. He teaches us to embrace suffering and trials and oppositions to the gospel: Rom 8:17
 5. He enters deeply into our prayer life to assist us to pray successfully in the trials: Rom 8:26-27
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1. **Foreknown—Pro-gnosko—6x (For God to foreknow is for Him to fore-love)**
 - a. This is a *special knowledge*- not mere awareness: Rom 11:2/ 1 Pet 1:20/ 2 Pet 3:17
 - b. He does not know the ungodly and the wicked *in this way*: Mt 7:23/ Luke 13:24-28
 - c. Those known this way are His elect who *will be called to purpose*: Rom 8:28/ 2 Thess 2:13-14
 2. **PREDESTINED:** “to determine beforehand”—to mark out for a purpose. A plan and purpose previously devised: Acts 4:28/ 1 Cor 2:7/ Eph 1:7, 11
 - a. Predestination has its termination: not a place, but a person—“Christ”
 - b. Predestination, therefore, does not affirm an election to hell: Rev 20:11-15
 - c. Hell is the consequence of willing and unrepentant sin. Rom 6:23/ John 8:23-24, 31-32
 3. **Conformity to Jesus Christ is our sonship and calling: vs 29**
 - a. We are called to conformity to Christ: Gal 4:9/ Phil 1:27-30
 - b. What He endured for us is what, in part, we are to endure for Him: Rom 8:17
 - c. The gospel call is to freedom, suffering, and glory! Rom 8:18
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