

**4loved 4ever**  
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Romans 8:29-30

*For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

Love our children before ever see them....could say we foreloved them.

Before time, God chose/loved His children. Revelation 13:8, 17:8, Romans 8:28-29a,

- Because God chose to forelove you, He predestined you be glorified with Him forever.

Not: God sees who will decide for Him and puts them on His list.

- Still wouldn't give totally free choice because future is fixed.
- if true....God sees none choose Him; ALL are depraved, unable/unwilling to seek God unless God draws them to Jesus. Romans 3:11, Jonn 6:44, 1 John 4:19

Sinners choose Jesus because God first chose and called them, then moved them to choose Jesus by renewing their hearts..... God is sovereign and the initiator.....we respond.

- without sovereignty, all events would not work for your ultimate good and His ultimate purpose.
  - all human acts free in sense of immediate self-determination but also outworking of God's eternal purpose and foreordination.

Not merely aware/acquaint with person but implies intimate personal relationship based on God's sovereign choice before creation. Romans 8:29a, Amos 3:2, Matthew 7:23, John 10:14-15

- not foresaw future facts (who faith/saved) but "whom foreknew."
  - "whom He foreknew' equivalent to "whom He foreloved."

before Foundation of the world God chose to 4love so He also predestined Romans 8:29, Ephesians 1:5, 11, 2:10

- 4know = His choice love relationship with you. Predestined = prearranged plan to conform His foreloved to Jesus' image that ends in glory forever.
  - God made redemption plan in eternity past and carried it out perfectly in time

In time, God calls those He chose, justifies those He calls. Romans 8:30, 2 Corinthians 3:18, 2 Timothy 1:9,

- Not merely invite; effectual call - creates what it commands: God's gift of faith.
  - in Epistles when called... *always* results in salvation
- Justified = God's declaration we are righteous. Glorified is justified promised "good" reward.
- glorified = Jesus Christ returns, Christians live/dead instant, permanent, complete conform to Jesus Christ (not "gods"), free from all sin, receive glorified body, eternally glorified with Jesus Christ/"first-born"

- “glorified” past tense to show good as done
- God’s ultimate purpose not our “good” (does accomplish) but His glory.
  - Jesus is glorified by glorifying us. 2 Thessalonians 1:10, 2:14.

Because God chose to forelove you, He predestined you to be glorified with Him forever.

- God irresistibly called > justified by Jesus imputed right> will glorify forever.

Sovereign God CAUSE all work for you make it to eternal glory. Romans 8:28, Psalm 103:2, Matthew 6:31-34

- Hope not fear in midst of world/personal instability.
  - more trust/faith in God, less worry.
- Patience in adversity, part of His wise plan and ultimately for our good.
- Contentment: Lord watches/cares/give what need, exactly when needed.

From first thought before foundation of the world to choose you > the day you are in His presence, salvation work *totally* of God...sustained and secure in His sovereignty providential control over our lives.

- Our salvation is sure/certain hope because God originated it, effected it, will complete it.