

FBC POWELL, 2-10-08 AM NOTES  
"SALVATION FROM GOD'S SIDE"  
ROMANS 8:29-30  
(#2 in Series, "The Journey")

"The foreordination of God in no degree interferes with the responsibility of man. I have often been asked by persons to reconcile the two truths. My only reply is, 'They need no reconciliation, for they never fell out.' Why should I try to reconcile two friends? The two facts are parallel lines. I cannot make them unite, but you cannot make them cross each other."

—Charles Spurgeon

**Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)** "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ."

I. Foreknowledge (v. 29a)

"Reduced to its simplest terms the problem can be stated thus: Did God choose me because I chose Him or did I choose Him because He chose me? To say that God chose me because with His ability to foreknow the future He saw me choose Christ, robs God of His sovereignty. It would mean that He has no alternative but to choose those who chose Christ – His choice is governed by ours. It throws the initiative on man. But God is sovereign and acts in accordance with His own will, and, as Paul demonstrates in a later chapter, is under an obligation to nobody (Romans 9:15-23)."

—John Phillips

**Matthew 7:23 (NKJV)** "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

**Ephesians 1:4-5 (NKJV)** "Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."

**Acts 2:23 (NKJV)** "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death."

**Romans 11:2a (NKJV)** "God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew..."

**1 Peter 1:20 (NKJV)** "He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

**Romans 9:18-24 (NKJV)** "Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. You will say to me then, 'Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?' But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, 'Why have you made me like this?' Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? What *if* God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even *us* whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?"

II. Predestination (v. 29b)

**Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)** “Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ.”

**Colossians 1:18 (NKJV)** “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

**John 17:6 (NKJV)** “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.”

“Christ was altogether lovely and we are altogether filthy. It is the most amazing concept, and yet it is the very heart of the plan of God. Looking out over the race of men the Lord God definitely determined that He was going to take us from the earth, and join us to Christ. The plan involved a transformation that was to make us lovely as Christ. Therein would be the greatest glory to God: we would be the foulest and would become the loveliest. We would be the most unlike Christ and would become like Christ. Our predestination is that we might be conformed to the image of God’s Son...The plan, full fashioned in the mind of God, is coming to pass day by day as God brings His predestination to effectual calling, to justification, and on the road to glorification.”

—Donald Barnhouse

III. Calling (v. 30a)

**Mark 16:15 (NKJV)** “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

**Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)** “Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

**2 Corinthians 4:4 (NKJV)** “Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

**John 6:44a (NKJV)** “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him...”

**Acts 16:14 (NKJV)** “Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us*. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.”

IV. Justification (v. 30b)

**Romans 3:10 (NKJV)** “As it is written: ‘There is none righteous, no, not one.’”

V. Glorification (v. 30c)